



Anger is a natural emotion, but can lead to destruction if the ways of the world are followed.

Wrath is God’s domain – You are not GOD
God does not stay angry

Psalm 103:8-9, Isaiah 57:16, Jeremiah 3:12, Micah 7:18

God delights in showing mercy

Jesus says, be like God – be godly.

GRACE

➤ **PATIENCE** prevents anger/wrath

Pause and put it in Perspective

➤ **FORGIVENESS** brings peace

Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Ephesians 4:31-32



ENCOUNTER QUESTIONS

Spiritual Growth Small Groups at Emmanuel Reformed Church

Review the sermon, what were the key points?

What questions did it raise for you?

What felt most important to you?

We are not to take the role of God, but seek to grow in godly character. What are ways we should not and cannot take the role of God? What are additional characteristics of God we can grow in?

How have you seen that growth happen?

Proverbs 19:11 says, “A man’s wisdom gives him patience; it is to his glory to overlook an offense.” How does this relate to the sermon? What part of wisdom gives patience?

Patience is an important key to Christian living. Consider **Colossians 1:10-14**. What does this teach you about patience? Can you think of other biblical principles related to godly patience? (eg. **2 Peter 3:8-9**)

Another passage that guides us to the narrow way of grace is **Romans 12:9-21** – what stands out to you?

When do you need to “keep counting” to allow anger to cool, patience to rule, and grace to abound? What situations or people are most trying for you?

Prayer

Loving patient God, thank you for being patient with me and graciously forgiving me. Guide me that I may increase in patience and overflow with forgiveness. For your glory I pray. Amen.