



## FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT - FORBEARANCE

**SUNDAY 2nd MAY**

### REFLECTION

#### QUESTIONS AND NOTES

- The following passages are all about God's patience. Psalm 103:1-12, 2 Peter 3:8-15, Joel 2:11-14, 1 Timothy 1:15-17, Nehemiah 9:16-21, 28-31  
*Note: When you read 'slow to anger' that is all about God being patient*
  - Choose two or more to look at and think about what they teach us about patience. Some questions you might find helpful:
    - Who is God patient with? What are they like?
    - What does his patience involve? What are the results?
    - How should God's people respond to his patience?

- Summarise what you've seen so far:
  - What does God's patience look like?
  - How should we respond to it?

Now let's think about what practicing patience will look like for us

- Enduring opposition
  - What sorts of opposition do Christians face? At work? With friends? Day to day?
  - How is it tempting to respond?
  - What will it look like to respond with patience?
    - What did it look like for Jesus to endure opposition?
  - What truths help us to endure opposition?
  
- Bearing with others
  - When is bearing with others hard?
  - How is it tempting to respond?
  - What will bearing with others look like?
    - What did it look like for Jesus to bear with others?
  - What truths help us to bear with others?