

DISCUSSION: [2 Timothy 2:14-26](#)

(Discuss the question cluster below - as much or as little as works for your group)

Feel free to break off into smaller groups if it helps you share more personally

This week's sermon showed us the gentleness, kindness and patience of grace by looking at: 1) What Wandering from Grace in 'Worldly' Talk Looks Like and 2) The Path to Restoration. Through that, we learned that the 'worldly' talk Paul warns about in the passage is talk that is self-centered. It makes life (and even faith) ultimately about you, instead of God. The way we avoid getting caught up in this kind of talk is through humility — keeping God at the center of life, rather than ourselves. We also heard that the path to restoration when we've wandered from grace through self-centeredness is gentleness, kindness and patience (v.24-26). These three are how God brought us back from self-centeredness through Jesus and also how others are drawn back to God and Christian community as well. Let's talk about what the gentleness, kindness and patience of God look like in our lives.

- A. *What stood out to you from the passage or the sermon?*
- B. *If you had to guess, what percentage of your talk (or thought) is self-centered (about your desires, thoughts, plans) vs God-centered (about his ways, desires, plans)?*
 1. *Are there any 'sneaky' ways you realized you get caught up in self-centeredness after listening to the sermon? Maybe conflicts you're in with people where it's become about which of you is right instead of about God?*
 2. *What help would you need from God to start having God more at the center of your words and thoughts?*
 3. *What's a measurable goal for growing in having God more at the center of your words and thoughts this week? (Think small, achievable goals - like a 1% change)*
- C. *Does it feel difficult to practice gentleness, kindness and patience with people?*
 1. *What circumstances (or relationships) come to mind where it feels difficult?*
 2. *How might Jesus' gentleness, kindness and patience with you help you navigate those situations with more grace?*
- D. *The sermon encouraged us to start 'prizing' gentleness by looking for it in each other's lives. Are there ways you feel like God has been gentle with you? Maybe through the words or actions of specific people in your life?*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Starting Sunday, July 31st, the livestream link will be available by request only. If you need the link, please email laura@ctkcambridge.org.