# Life Group Lesson -- Week of October 7-13, 2018

**The Fruit of the Spirit is…Patience**

**Text: Galatians 5:22-23; John 11:1-45**

# Open It

 What kinds of experiences try your patience?

 What good things in life are worth waiting for?

 When has being patient paid off for you?

**Explore It (Before Life Group read John 11:1-45)**

 1. Why did Jesus say Lazarus was sick? (11:4)

 2. What did Jesus do when He heard about Lazarus? (11:6) Why would He wait?

 3. Why did Jesus say that He was glad He wasn't with Lazarus? (11:15)

 4. What did Martha say to Jesus about His having come after Lazarus had died? (11:21-22) Does she seem put out? Does she seem to show some faith?

 5. How did Mary respond when she saw Jesus? (11:32)

 6. How did Jesus respond to the weeping by Mary and the others? (11:33-35) What does that tell you about Him?

1. How did Jesus raise Lazarus from the dead? (11:43-44)
2. How did some of the people respond who saw this miracle? (11:45) Was Jesus’ delay worth the wait?
3. What do we learn about patience in this story? Who was the most patient? The most impatient? Who do you identify with the most?

# Apply It

 What areas of your life do you try to “control” and have a hard time turning over to God?

If you knew God could help in a situation, like Martha believed Jesus could, how hard is it to wait on Him? What makes waiting for anything so difficult?

When have you thought you had a better plan for your life than the one God was working out? How did it turn out? What lessons have you learned when you waited on God?

What is the area in your life right now where you are most impatient?

 Is it with a person, a problem, or yourself?

 With what situation or problem or person can you ask God for help and patience this week?