



Be Patient
Small Group Questions
James 5:7-12
November 16

Community

- What is something you had a really hard time waiting to arrive? How did you feel while you waited? How did you feel when it finally arrived?
- What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.
- What is one thing you would do differently this week as a result of this message?

Core: Read James 5:7-12

1. In the first six verses, James was warning the rich, is he talking to someone else in vs 7-12? Who is he talking to?
2. Compare James 5:7-12 to James 1:2-4. How are these texts similar? Do you think James has in mind the same kind of situations and reaction to those circumstances?
3. What difficulties or harm could arise by not being patient?
4. What does it look like for someone to "establish your heart?"

5. Why do you think James warns against grumbling against one another?
6. Are there any relationships in your life where you are more likely to complain rather than working to restore or resolve your differences? What needs to change in those relationships?
7. What comes to mind when you hear the word “steadfast?” How was Job an example of steadfastness? What does this characteristic look like in your life?
8. Can you offer any examples of the prophets from the Old Testament remaining steadfast? Are there people in your life who have been an example of steadfastness? What encouragement do you draw from those stories?
9. Is it easy or hard when waiting in difficult times to remember that God is compassionate and merciful? Why? Why not? What are some things we can do to remind ourselves of God’s mercy and compassion?
10. Do you ever feel the need to strengthen your word with an oath or extra assurance? Why does James warn against this practice? Can others truly take what you say as reliable and true? Can your family trust your words? Your spouse? Your friends? Your church? Your community?

Pray to Close