

## **Go Deep – 4.14.19 Sermon**

(James 5:7-12)

In preparation for studying James 5:7-12, read these passages from Jesus's Sermon on the Mount: Matthew 5:10-12; 33-37; 7:1-5.

Read 5:7-12. What do you gather about James's readers from these verses?

What circumstances might have required patience on the part of James's readers? Would James call for patience from Christians in America today who live in different circumstances? Explain your answer.

What does James mean by "patience"?

Can a person be busy and patient at the same time?

If a person is patient under suffering will he refrain from doing anything to end the suffering? Explain your answer.

Until when does James want his reader to be patient?

For what does James want his readers to be patient?

Why is the Lord's coming (verse 8) a reason to be patient and to strengthen one's heart (NIV: "stand firm")?

List some ways a person might strengthen ("brace," "establish," "make firm") his or her heart? Which of these ways has helped you personally? Which are you willing to use now?

What does James mean by "grumble against each other" (verse 9)? Why is this serious enough to lead to judgment?

Who do you know that has been a model of patience in suffering? How could you be like them?

In what ways should verse 11 be an encouragement to us to be patient and endure suffering?

Why did James include verse 12? What does it have to do with his point?