

Practically Disciples: The Letter of James | Wk 12 | 10/25/2020

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WARM-UP: “Together”

1. Share an experience when someone was unexpectedly patient or nice to you?
2. What is a favorite beverage on a hot or cold day?

WORD: “Truth”

Leader: Questions below should allow for quick responses, evident by close reading of the text. Choose to use some or all of them (pending pace), as reading of the passage(s) will answer them as well.

- **Sermon Recap (if helpful):** Pastor Tyler led us to consider James’ invitation to become people of patience. In a life that is filled with so much grabbing our attention and exerting pressure we are invited to wait with joy in the midst of it all. Tyler unpacks the four ways James instructs believers to live patiently (vv9-12). They are, 1) Don’t grumble against one another. Practically this can look like ceasing from projecting our own impatience onto others, but turning to God in prayer. 2) Proclaim hope. Proclaim the truth of the hope that we have as Christians. To even have Jesus be a friend we talk about like we talk about our other revered friends. 3) To model courage. Remain committed in the face of all that comes our way. Especially in a world that often buckles under pressure or backs out at the last minute. Stand firm. 4) Trust decisively in God. The world is waiting for hope that is decisive. God said yes to us first, may we respond to his yes with our own. Tyler concludes by extending an invitation to two practices. The first is discipline of slowness. Let us not medicate ourselves with various vices to get us through the spaces we do not want to be in. But being mindful with God in those moments. The second is to relax in Jesus. To believe in the One who is sent. May we lean into being a patient people this week, knowing that God has been abundantly patient with us and invites and empowers us to live into patients for our own health, for the sake of our families, friends and our city.

Read James 5:7-:12

If helpful read in two chunks (vv 7-8, 9-12). Questions follow this breakdown.

Read vv 7-8:

- a. What is James discussing here, how do we know?
- b. What does the farm illustration bring to mind?
- c. How could we establish our heart?

Read vv 9-12:

- d. What are the ways James instructs believers to be patient?
- e. Which of the four ways to live into being patient stands out to you?

APPLICATION: “Life”:

1. Which way of living patiently resonates with you to lean into and live out?
2. How can you respond to the invitation of engaging in the discipline of slowness or resting in Jesus this week?

PRAYER “Way”

1. Spend time reflecting on what God is telling you specifically in your group prayer time.
2. Do you have a specific prayer request?
3. How can we pray for you as you walk into greater patience?

COMMUNION Together

Lead your group in communion in a way that feels right.

- If needed, 1 Corinthians 11:23-27
 - **23** ...that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, **24** and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” **25** In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” **26** For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS at ASC:

1. **Young Adults Social Coming up on November 6th from 6-8PM.**
2. **Survey Coming Your Way in the newsletter emails.**
3. **Share testimony of how God is moving in your life/your group in this season? [HERE](#)**
4. **Have you been baptized? If that is your next step in repentance and faith, [let us know](#).**
5. **How can we come alongside you in more specific ways as a church? [Let us know](#).**
6. **All-Church Prayer Call on Wednesday's from 1230-1pm each week.
1-253-215-8782, 86546382360#**
7. **Next Week, Please **INVITE A FRIEND** to **join us online or at your group** for week 12 of our current series Practically Disciples The Book of James. Share with your **[social media](#)** communities, engage our channels during the gathering to help others do so as well**
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