

James: Faith in Action
Patience in Faith
James 5:7-11

TALK IT OVER

Passages

"7 Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. 8 You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. 9 Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. 10 As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. 11 Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful"—James 5:7-11 (ESV)

Start Talking: Find an announcement or mission for your group. (15 Min)

- April 9: Invite some friends or neighbors to Easter Services
- If the preacher had to give an abbreviated version of last weekend's message, what two points or ideas would you tell him to include on matter what?

Head: Start Thinking about the Text. Ask a question to get your group thinking. (10 Min)

- The sermon text was James 5:7-11 and can be found on the left-hand side. To keep the study fresh please read Hebrews 11:32-12:2 in your Bible for your life group's main text.
- What examples of faith and patience are given in the text of above? How do you think that was meant to encourage the readers?
- What should we do as we wait on God?

Heart: Start Sharing how the Text is shaping our beliefs. Choose a question to create openness. (10 Min)

- Do you ever get tired of waiting for Jesus to come back? Why or why not?
- Does patience come easy or hard to you? Are some things easier to wait for than others?

Hands: Start living the Text. Commit to believing or obeying the text this week. (10 Min)

- What are some good ways to practice patience? How can you build those things into your routine?
- Take deep breaths when waiting for something becomes hard, remember that the Lord is not slow to deliver His promise but desires everyone to be saved.

Start Praying. Be bold and pray with power. (15 Min)

- For suggestions on structuring prayer time, see the *Group Prayer Ideas* page in this packet.

Trios: Split into same-gender groups of three. Pick a question. (15 Min)

1. Who is one non-believer or someone without a church home that you need to reach out to this week?
2. What kind of conversations are you having with people you are reaching out to?
3. Is there anything God is leading you to repent of?
4. What's a passage of scripture that has impacted you this week? Read it to the group and explain why.
5. What's something you'd like someone else to check in with you about this week?
6. Pray for one another.

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