

January 26, 2020 James 5: 7-12

- 1. What are the difficult things in your life that keep coming up that really push your patience?
- 2. Why does God care about his children being patient? How does the fact that Christ is returning to set the whole world right help you have patience?
- 3. What can we learn about patience from the example of the farmer?
- 4. Why does James call-out the sin of "grumbling against one another?" How does remembering the sovereignty of God over all things help combat grumbling?
- 5. How do the examples of the prophets and Job help us to persevere through difficult times? How do you deal with your own doubts?
- 6. What difference does it make when you consider that God's highest priority is to see His grace work in your life to transform you in the here and now?
- 7. What would James include honest good speech and integrity in the context of "waiting well" for the Lord's return?
- 8. How does the example of Jesus shown in Hebrews 4:14:16 help us in the uncomfortable in between until the Lord returns?

- 9. For those difficult things in your life that keep coming up that really push your patience, discuss in your group how to turn those things over to God this week.
- 10. How will you turn to God when there is temptation to grumble and complain and doubt in impatience? What role might the good habits of Scripture, prayer, community and service play to form you in the uncomfortable in between until the Lord returns?