

## **The Letter From James** **“Wait Patiently”**

Text: James 5:7-11

Purpose: In this passage, James instructs his readers to “be patient... until the coming of the Lord.” Why is this so important to our faith? Because we live in between the promise of future blessing and seeing these blessings realized. Life is hard, but we are called to live with the bigger picture in mind because it’s important for our mission and calling as followers of Jesus.

Opening Interaction: Would you describe yourself as a patient person? What situations cause you to grow impatient?

Read and Discuss: James 5:7-11

- In this passage, what details seem important? What jumps out at you?
  - What is the author communicating to his audience?
  - What does this passage teach us about God?
1. Reflect on Patience in Trials: James 5:7-8 encourages us to be patient like a farmer waiting for the harvest. Can you share a situation where you had to wait patiently through a difficult time? How did your faith play a role in helping you endure?
  2. Endurance in Community: In verses 9-10, James warns against grumbling against one another and points to the prophets as examples of patience. How can we support each other in our community to foster patience and avoid grumbling? What practical steps can we take?
  3. Anticipating the Lord’s Coming: Verses 7-8 remind us to be patient until the Lord's coming. How does the expectation of Christ’s return influence your daily life and decisions? How can this perspective help you remain patient in your current circumstances?
  4. Patience in Everyday Life: Think about a current situation where you are struggling to be patient, whether it's at work, in relationships, or in personal goals. What specific actions can you take to practice patience in this area, based on the teachings in James 5:7-11?
  5. Why is patience so important to our mission as Christ-followers?

Close with Prayer