

THE BOOK OF JAMES

Leader Conversation Guide – James (Part V)

Main Idea

This week Pastor Curt finished out our series through the Book of James with the topic of Patience. Whether it's driving down Route 30, waiting for our spouse to get ready, or anticipating an important test result. At some point in our lives we've all come face-to-face with the agonizing internal sound of a ticking clock. We live in such a fast-paced society that the thought of having to wait can ruin our entire day! It's important to remember that a the Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) is Patience. It's okay to slow down. It's okay to take a moment and reflect on what's happening around us so that we can better understand how God is working. If we refuse to grow in Patience, we will be surrounded by inconvenience and annoyance.

"We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised."

HEBREWS 6:12 NIV

Make It Practical

- The Farmer's Lesson: Patience is waiting. Not every season is a harvest season. Galatians 6:9 reminds us, "At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up."
- The Prophet's Lesson: Patience feels like suffering. If you're not ready to suffer for God, then you are not ready to be used by God. Read James 5:10.
- Job's Lesson: Patience brings about God's blessing. James 5:11b, says "The Lord is full of compassion and mercy."

Talk About It

- What part of this message impacted you the most?
- What waiting experiences have tested your patience?
- Are there some things you feel have been worth waiting for?

It's not about knowing more, it's about living out what you already know.

Prayer

Father, thank You for Your example of patience. We know that our timing is not Your timing, and that You have all things worked out. Holy Spirit, teach us to walk in patience. Lead us in calmness and steadfastness as we await the promises You have given to us. Teach us to trust in You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Leader Tip

Encourage Group members to reflect on this week and think about how they can grow in patience. What area of our lives do we most need to slow down in?

