

# GROWTH GUIDE

*For you. Your family. Your group.*

THE BOOK OF JAMES  
BE PATIENT | JAMES 5:7-12  
FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 13, 2022

## SERMON OUTLINE

1. Be patient. The Lord is coming soon. James 5:7-8
2. Be patient. The Lord is still working. James 5:9
3. Be patient. The Lord is faithful. James 5:10-11
4. Be patient. The Lord is watching. James 5:12

## GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Looking back at the passage and your notes, is there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Check for understanding: What does it mean that the Lord is coming soon when the church has been saying that for 2000 years? What attitude are we supposed to have because of that?
3. Give examples from Scripture of people like the prophets who were patient in the midst of trials and what we can learn from them.
4. We often talk about needing to vent about things we're struggling with in our lives, but we also know we're not supposed to complain. When does sharing become grumbling, gossip, or in general, sinful?
5. Where do you see patience lacking in your own life? Think through particular people, circumstances, activities, etc. What does knowing that is especially hard for you say about what you desire? What can we do to get ourselves from a place of grumbling about others (v9) to a place of being content in all circumstances (Phil 4:11-12)?

## BREAKOUT DISCUSSION

1. Share at least one thing with the group you're waiting on the Lord for. Pray for those things as a group.
2. Give an example of a specific situation where someone was especially patient with you and how that impacted you.

## PRAYER POINTS

1. Praise God for the example of patience we have in the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord (v10) yet endured much prosecution for their faithfulness.
2. Pray for patience and eager anticipation for the Lord's second coming.
3. Ask God to lead our church to do whatever He has for us.