



# THE BOOK OF JAMES

## GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### Week Five

#### **SERMON RECAP**

To wrap up this series, Aaron McClary walks us through James 5 with a call to draw near to God despite any circumstance. James starts with a call to patience because patience is required when things are outside of our control. But take courage! God is working in the midst of our waiting! Difficult things will happen while we are waiting for the Lord to return, so don't grumble. Have the courage to be kind. Suffering is not a sign of God's displeasure; it is the soil where His kindness bears fruit. We are not called to wait passively. With patience and courage we pray, praise, and confess. The church is meant to be a hospital for the sinner, so don't suffer alone. God has a good plan for us!

#### **GET STARTED**

- Aaron mentioned that he loves Disney movies. **Which is your favorite?!**
- **What is something you're waiting for? On a scale of 1 to 10, where is your patience in the waiting?**

#### **TAKE IT IN**

- **What encouraged and/or challenged you from the message this week? Why?**

#### **TALK IT OVER**

##### **Read James 5:7-8**

When something is outside of our control, being patient is often the last thing on our mind. We want to do anything we can to have control over the situation. **What situation in your life are you fighting to control? Take a moment to draw near to God and surrender the situation to Him. Ask for the courage to remain patient and let your group know how they can support you in the waiting.**

##### **Read James 5:10-11**

Difficult things are going to happen while we are waiting for the Lord to return. God works through our suffering to prune us and prepare us for the good plans He has for us. **Is there a season of suffering that produced fruit in your life? Share with the group and praise God together!**

##### **Read James 5:13-18**

We all use something to manage our suffering. It could be a screen or a substance. Whatever it is, lay it down and take up the good work God has called you to. With patience and courage we are to pray, praise, and confess. **Which do you need to do today? Don't suffer alone, we are to bear**

**one another's burdens and care for others in the name of Jesus. Take time in your group for everyone to share and do the good work of praying, praising, and confessing.**

### **LIVE IT OUT**

God has a good plan for us. The enemy works in darkness, but the Lord works in the light. Have courage and share with someone the difficult things you are going through. The prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results because the Lord is full of tenderness and mercy. Draw near to Him and take up the good work He has for you.

**Memorize:** *“Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results”*

**James 5:16**