

Small Group Guide 10 James 5:7-11

⁷ Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸ You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. ⁹ Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. ¹⁰ As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹ Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

1. The Lord is Coming v.7-8
2. The Lord will Judge v.9
3. The Biblical Examples v.10-11
4. The Lord's Purpose v.11
5. The Lord's Character v.11

Questions for Discussion:

How does a firm grasp of God's coming justice change our view of our sufferings now?

Why is hard to think like this?

Why is it liberating to do so?

How do the Biblical examples provide encouragement and patience?

How will you think and live differently today if you remember that "The Judge is at the door"?

How does understanding God's purpose and character give you patience in life?