

JAMES: Final Words From The Little Brother of Jesus

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Text: James 5:7-20

James: A brother we all need.

James 5:7-9

Wait for it.

The coming of the Lord is at hand?

The World says "no", and sometimes so do we.

James 5:10-12

Be like the prophets who spoke for God while no one listened.

Be like Job... Oh Lord, please no.

Can I buy a spiritual vowel?

James 5:13-20

An alternative to the "fight the culture" approach to following Jesus...

Mere Pray-ers

The real reason for the wait...

Food for Thought for the week of August 21, 2016

(Questions and Scriptures for further study and discussion.)

Text: James 5:7-20

1. Discuss your reactions from this week's sermon. What convicted, encouraged, and challenged you?

2. James calls his audience to be patient. It's the first two words in this passage. Describe a time when you had to be patient in waiting. How did God shape your character in that experience? How does that relate to what James discusses at the beginning of verse 7? (Read Romans 8:18)

3. Where do you feel the Holy Spirit calling you to be more patient this week? Is it with a spouse, family member, or co-worker?

4. Verses 13-16 are characteristics of authentic community. What does this passage teach us about community? What makes it authentic? Talk about a time in your life when community came alongside of you, prayed for you when you were sick, met a need, or encouraged you. (Read Galatians 6:1-3, Colossians 3:12-14)

5. Pastor Tim Keller said in his book on prayer, "The infallible test of spiritual integrity, Jesus says, is your private prayer life." How prevalent is prayer in your schedule? Why is it important? Where have you seen prayer work?

6. Take some time to pray with your group about how God is calling you to serve someone in your circle of influence this week. Is there a coworker, friend, or family member in need of prayer, a basic need, or is struggling spiritually? How can you establish your heart? How can you selflessly serve?



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