



James

Part 8 – Patient for the Promise Discussion Guide

The book of James can be summarized by his instruction to us to be humble and surrender to God. This week we will complete our series in James by studying the purpose of patience. Patience allows us to endure even when we are uncertain. Patience teaches us to trust God.

Jump Start

1. If someone were to ask you to describe God, how would you describe Him?
2. **Read [James 5: 7-9, Galatians 6:9, and Romans 8:25-28](#)**. How would you currently rate your patience. Use a scale from 1 to 10 with **1** being “I have no patience at all” and **10** meaning “I am actually meditating, and completely at peace right now, even as we speak.” How do these verses encourage you?
3. **Read [James 5: 11-12, Psalm 40:1, and Proverbs 15:18](#)**. How can you exhibit patience in your daily life? What blocks you from living out patience in routine situations? What can you do to display even more patience in times of uncertainty or distress? Are you waiting well?
4. **Read [James 5:10, Isaiah 53:5, and Philippians 3:8-10](#)**. Why does James connect suffering with the prophets who spoke for the Lord? How does suffering bring you closer to Jesus? How will you use your faith to pivot?
5. **Read [James 5:16-20, Mark 11:22-26, and John 15:7](#)**. Why is it important for us to confess our sins? What does James say it is necessary for our prayers to be heard and answered?
6. **Serve and Connect:** Join us as we are the Church. We have the opportunity to meet some basic needs in our communities. Find information regarding the Food Response [Here](#). You can also join a Life Group by clicking [Here](#).

Prayer: God, we know that You are in control and that You love us and want to grow us. Give us wisdom and help us to mature as we follow You. God, thank you for meeting our needs and carrying our burdens. Father, we pray for those that need healing and declare complete healing over their bodies. We pray for our first responders, medical personnel, scientists, our jobs, the economy, our families, children, finances, and marriages. Take us to new levels of faithfulness. We pray that we can really begin to lean into connection with you. Help us to develop patient endurance. Help us to grow. You are a good Father, and we trust You with the unknown. May Your will be done. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

This week take time to do the “Deeper” section before you meet with your Group.

Deeper

We will learn how to complete an **S O A P Bible Study** by looking at one passage of Scripture and breaking it down. **S O A P** stands for **S**cripture **O**bservation **A**pplication **P**rayer. Let’s get ready to sit down with the Bible and see to what God wants to show us. Completing this study during your quiet time, then sharing with your Life Group, can allow for deeper understanding and revelation of new perspectives. **Things you will need:** Bible, Notebook, Pen.

7. **Scripture.** Read [Hebrews 12:1-17](#). What stands out to you the most about these verses?

Take time to read the passage and allow God to speak to you. Jot down anything that made you stop and pause or anything that you questioned. When you are done, look for a verse that particularly spoke to you and write it out fully in your journal.

8. **Observe.** What is God saying to you in this text? What did the whole story teach you? What did that specific verse that you were drawn to teach you?

What do you think God is saying to you, personally and specifically, in this Scripture? (You can even have a short prayer at this point, asking the Holy Spirit to teach you and reveal Jesus to you. Remember that He promised to give us wisdom and reveal truth to us when we ask.)

9. **Application.** How will you apply this to how you live, knowing Jesus endured the Cross for us?

Personalize what you have read by asking yourself how it applies to your life right now. Perhaps it is instruction, encouragement, a new promise, or corrections in a particular area of your life. Write down how this Scripture applies to you today.

10. **Pray.** Pray about what you have read in [Hebrews 12:1-17](#). Pray your special verse back to God, asking Him to help you understand and apply it.

This prayer can be as simple as asking God to help you use this Scripture, or even a prayer for a greater insight on what He may be revealing to you. Remember, prayer is a two-way conversation, so take time here! Be sure to listen to what God has to say! Now, write it out. Journaling your quiet time helps you to see what God is teaching you over time.