

GROWTH GROUP HOMEWORK

Week of March 26, 2017

Getting StartedGroup time - 20 minutes

1. What is one thing that you have waited for the longest? Describe what the waiting was like.
2. As we finish up this Growth Group session, what is the main insight from James that you want to take with you?

FOR GROWTH GROUP TIME

Getting Into God's WordGroup time - 40 minutes

Read James 5:7-9

1. What is the main command that James gives? In light of the previous passage (5:1-6), why do his readers need to hear this? What else has James taught about suffering? **Read also: James 1:2-4; 12**
2. How does the example of the farmer help you to understand the role and goal of patience?

3. What does it mean to "establish your heart"? How does remembering Jesus' return help you to do that?

4. Why does James warn against "grumbling"? How does this use of the tongue fight against God's desires for us in tough times?

Read James 5:10-12

5. What prophets from the Old Testament do you think James has in mind? How do their examples encourage you?
6. How does Job's story point us to God's character? Why would remembering who God is make a difference in our patience and steadfastness?
7. How is verse 12 connected to the rest of the passage? How does ungodly oath-making reveal a heart that is not steadfast or established? **Read also: Matthew 5:33-37; Ephesians 4:25**