



PARTICIPANT'S GUIDE – March 24

PRIMARY PASSAGE

James 5:7-12: ⁷ Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. ⁸ You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. ⁹ Don't grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!

¹⁰ Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹ As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

¹² Above all, my brothers and sisters, do not swear—not by heaven or by earth or by anything else. All you need to say is a simple "Yes" or "No." Otherwise you will be condemned.

1.) Read vv. 7-12. In v. 7, James speaks to people who are enduring suffering and pain. What does he command them to do? Through trials in our life, we can all relate to enduring pain and suffering. What do you think it looks like to endure trials (whether big or small) patiently?

2.) In this passage, James gives three commands for how the believer should endure patiently. What are they? How would each of those apply practically to us today?

3.) In this passage, James gives three examples of how to patiently endure suffering and pain. What are the examples and how do each of them give us insight to how we can endure.

4.) In this passage, James calls us to endure trials with patience. He gives three commands and three examples to show how we can do this. Think back to a time in your life where you were experiencing suffering and pain. How did one of these principles help you walk through that difficult time? Or if you didn't try one of these principles, how could it have made a big difference?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

- **Which of the commands and/or examples resonates most with you?**
- **How could you apply that in your current/future trials?**