



JOURNEY GROUP STUDY GUIDE – James: A Working Faith

WEEK 6 - Sunday, November 2 – “Last Words about a Working Faith”

CONNECT (table)

1. Tell of someone in your past (a parent, spouse, friend, etc.) who was patient with you when you were unwilling or even uninterested in changing.

LEARN from James 5 (text)

1. What does the illustration of the farmer in James 5:7 say about patience?
2. James 5:8 says, "be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near." Why is this truth an encouragement to be patient whatever the circumstances of your life?
3. The story of Job has been called the "Super Bowl of Suffering." This faithful man of God lost his family, friends and finances suddenly and unexpectedly. Few of us will ever come close to experiencing such loss. Yet Job never challenged or cursed God, even when he was thoroughly confused about what God was doing in his life. According to James 5:11, what did Job believe about God that enabled him to persevere without cursing God?
4. In James 5:16, we read that the "prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective." Where in the Bible do you see a believer's prayer being "powerful and effective"? Discuss an example or two.

SERVE (towel)

1. James teaches that the prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. Does someone in your group have a specific physical, emotional or spiritual need? As a group, lay hands on that person and pray. This could be one of the most significant times your group shares.
2. When we read the Bible, we can all too easily keep on reading rather than stop and do what it says. We come to one such place in James 5:13: Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise. Many of us may read those words and continue to the next verse without pause. Your group may be missing one of God's greatest blessings by not taking time to celebrate his presence together. Why not close your meeting with a simple worship song that members of your group know well?