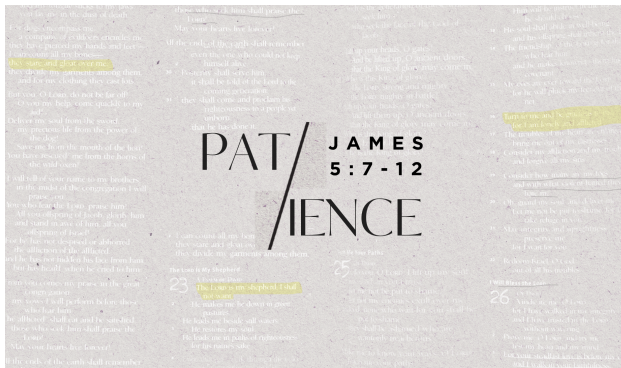




INTRODUCTION

God's children are to be patient in suffering.

INSTRUCTIONS

This guide is meant to facilitate discussion which will lead to a response to God's word. Therefore, please use it as a tool that best fits the needs of your small group.

OPENING DISCUSSION

- What was your biggest take-away from the sermon?

REVIEW

- Have someone read **James 5:7-12**.
- How does the return of Christ bring comfort and hope to the suffering Christian?
- How does patience when suffering commend Christ to the world?
- Why does James tell Christians to not grumble against one another during difficult times?
- Why is it so crucial to remember God's character when we suffer?
- How does God intend the church to help one another endure troubles?

APPLICATION

- Why do you find it difficult to be patient in suffering?
- Why is it so difficult to be patient with others?
- How does belief in the return of Christ help you patiently endure suffering?
- What part of God's character do you most often question during trials?
- Under what circumstances are you tempted to go back on your word or not live up to your Christian convictions?

PRAYER (divide the group based on gender if desired)

- Is there any sin you should confess in light of this passage?
- Are there any other prayer needs?