



**Weekend Recap - Discussion Guide**  
*James: Living a Genuine Life - Week 12*  
*October 27-30*

**Title:** Patience in Suffering (James 5:7-12)

**Big Idea:** Impatience destroys our trust in God.

**Optional Ice Breaker:** Share the last thing that made you lose your patience.

**Discuss:**

1. Reflect on your own life. Over the years have you become more patient or less patient? Why?
2. In James 5:9, James warns about grumbling and judging one another, lest we be judged. What does grumbling and judging have to do with patience?
3. Identify 1-2 things, places, or people that you find it hard to be patient around. How can you be intentional in practicing patience here?
4. One of the hardest places to practice patience is in unanswered prayer. Is there something you're waiting for God on?
  - a. What does it mean to practice patience in that?
  - b. What gives you hope and encouragement in the waiting?

**For Students:** Why do you think patience is such an important attribute? Do you think our culture is moving towards being more patient or less patient? Why?

**Challenge:** Take some time this week to intentionally slow down: choose the long line, take the scenic route to work or school, or turn off electronics and enjoy the family.

**Scriptures:**

- Psalm 27:14 Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.
- Psalm 33:20 We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.
- Psalm 37:7 Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; do not fret when people succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes.
- Psalm 119:166 I wait for your salvation, Lord, and I follow your commands.
- Psalm 130:5-6 I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his Word I put my hope. I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning.
- Micah 7:7 But as for me, I watch in hope for the Lord, I wait for God my Savior; my God will hear me.

**Prayer:** Ask God to help you practice patience.

**Next Week-Sneak Peek:** Read James 5:13-20. What stands out to you? What do you think is the big idea of this passage?