

A Study Guide to James 5:7-12 (Session 9)

First Baptist Peddie Church

1. Pray for wisdom from the Holy Spirit for understanding God's Word.

2. Read James 5:7-12 aloud slowly several times.

3. Observe

1. Mark any words or phrases that stand out.
2. Write down any questions that arise from the text.
3. Notice the transition from 5:1-6 to 5:7. What might be the reason for such an abrupt transition?
4. Notice the three examples of patience (5:7, 10, 11). What do you observe about the nature of their patience?

4. Watch the Video Lesson on YouTube

5. Interpret / Live out the Word

1. Who have been examples to you in the way they faced suffering? What have you learned from their lives?
2. In what areas of your life do you wish to become more patient? What do you think are the root causes of your impatience in those areas?
3. How do the three examples of patience (farmers, prophets, and Job) speak to your situation?
4. How does the Lord's coming or His nearness motivate you to be more patient during trying times?
5. What are some spiritual disciplines or practical exercises to engage in to help you become more patient?
6. Why do you think James follows his teaching on patience with the seemingly unrelated teaching on speech (5:12)? What might be the relationship between 5:7-11 and 5:12?

6. Memorize (use your preferred translation)

(James 5:8 NIV)

You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near.