

## **Bible Summary**

James 5:7-12

Have Patience

Technology has made us more impatient than ever. We want life to be like the microwave but it is really a crock pot. Why does the Bible seem to emphasize a slower, waiting, patient life? First, the patient life leads to a sweeter life but most importantly waiting reminds us that God is in control.

Scriptures – James 5:7-12; Exodus/Numbers; Job 1-2; Romans 16:20

## **Bible Questions & Application**

(These are meant to aid in facilitating conversation.

There is no obligation to run through **every** listed question.)

1. What can we do to manage technology rather than allowing it to manage us?
2. Discuss how patience was/was not displayed in your childhood?
3. “If you want life to sweeten, wait for the latter day rains.” Discuss.
4. Matt gave a few examples to practice patience, i.e. don’t change lanes when driving; can you come up with additional examples to foster patience in your life?
5. Studies show that impatience leads to anger in men and depression in women. Have you seen this in your own life?
6. How does believing God has a purpose for your life develop patience?
7. How can our community group help you “hang in there”, if you are in a season of waiting?

## **“Getting to know you” Questions**

1. Since we last met, what are a couple things you’re particularly thankful for? (Philippians 4:8)
2. Have you seen any victories?
3. What is a challenge you are facing right now?
4. What is one thing you are looking forward to?