

PATIENCE & PERSEVERANCE

JAMES 5:7-11

LOOKING BACK (Care and Accountability)

- Take a moment for everyone to share any highlights from the week and any recent difficulties or challenges. Then take a moment to pray for these things.
- Ask, "How'd it go this week living out what we learned last week?"
- Ask, "Did anyone care for anyone or share the teaching from last week with anyone?"

LOOKING UP (Scripture and Questions)

- Summarize the teaching from James 5:7-11 and then have someone read it aloud.
- Pray and ask God to help the group learn together and obey what they learn.
- Discuss the following questions and support your answers with a verse in the passage:
 - 1. What would you say is the main point of this passage? (clarify where you see it)
 - 2. In what ways does it benefit us in this life to set our focus on the return of our King and the eternal life to come?
 - 3. What is it about grumbling and complaining that makes us feel better when we are mistreated or frustrated? Why should followers of Christ avoid complaining?

LOOKING FORWARD (Goals and Commissioning)

- Set a goal as a group on how you can live out what you've learned this week.
- Ask, "Who can you care for this week, and who can you share this teaching with?"
- Pray and ask God to help everyone do what they committed to do this week.