

## SCRIPTURE: James 5:7-12

- 1. **BELONG** Remember, this section isn't filler, but a genuine time to slow down and assess how people are doing in their personal and spiritual lives. Feel free to change the questions, but the point is to truly sit in this moment to allow time and space for encouraging spiritual connectivity.
  - A. What are some things the Lord has used to grab your attention this week?
  - B. What section of James has been difficult for you to apply?
  - C. With this conversation in mind, spend some time praying for one another.
- 2. **DISCOVER** Read James 5:7-12 together. This section is all about discovering the Word together. Be an active listener as people respond to the text. Ask them follow up questions. Help the group think through what they're saying and how it applies to them spiritually.
  - A. Thinking back to Brad's message on this passage, what points or illustrations come to mind?
  - B. Given the context of this chapter and book, how would you summarize the primary theme of this section of scripture?
  - C. What truth(s) does this passage teach us about the character of God?
    - Can you think of any other passages in scripture that support this truth?
  - D. What truth(s) does this passage teach us about the character of mankind?
    - Can you think of any other passages in scripture that support this truth?
  - E. How do the truth(s) communicated in this passage apply to each of us as followers of Jesus?
- 3. **GO** Take time to apply the text. Once we hear truth, we are called to live it out. If our groups just sit and talk about information, we won't experience transformation. This section is about holding one another accountable to live out what we're learning.
  - A. How does the rest of the book inform how we are to suffer with patience?
    - Hint: topics such as wisdom, God giving us what we need, etc.
  - B. What are some practical examples of suffering in your life? How do you tend to walk through those seasons? Good and/or bad examples are helpful for others to hear.
  - C. Share an example of someone who has suffered well. How did that challenge or encourage you?
- 4. **PRAY** Petition the Lord together as you close out your group time with outward-focused prayer. How might the truths in these scriptures impact the way you live your life and make a spiritual difference in others?
  - A. Pray for those in our community and around the world who are suffering.
  - B. Share prayer needs, and pray for one another as a group.