



**Lesson 8 – Waiting Well** (Tip: Bring your sermon notes to the Bible study)

**Question to Ponder (Self Reflection):** How well do I wait?

**Big Idea:** I can wait well when I am focused on the Lord.

**Memory Verse:** “Be patient, then, brothers, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop and how patient he is for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near.”  
James 5:7-8

### **CONNECT**

As a child what did you find it difficult to wait for?

### **MESSAGE REVIEW**

What point or points from this weekend's message had the biggest impact on you and why?

### **ENGAGE**

Why do you think it is difficult to be patient?

### **Read James 5:7-11**

Why do you think James uses farming as a key example of patience?

James says we need to be patient until what event? How does keeping that event in mind help you maintain patience?

Which of these situations is most difficult for you to be patient in the midst of - when circumstances are UNCONTROLLABLE, when people are UNCHANGABLE or when problems are UNEXPLAINABLE? Why?

### **Read James 4:13-20**

What does James say should be our first response to life?

Why do you think so many people consider prayer as a last resort?

What has really tried your patience or your faith during the last week?

How has or how would prayer help?

### **APPLY**

What does being patient look like in the everyday activities of your life (spouse, kids, co-workers, fellow students, etc.)?

What area of your life do you sense God prompting you to wait well? What is the next right step you need to take this week in order to do so?

### **CHECKING IN**

How are you doing on last week's **Apply** question?

### **PRAY**

### **PLAN**

Plan what you might want to do for your next study, or you might want to take a break for the summer and rejoin us in the next immersion coming in September. As always, study resources are available on the TLC website under Small Groups or email the Small Group Department: [jim@tlc.org](mailto:jim@tlc.org) or [rita@tlc.org](mailto:rita@tlc.org)