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James 5:7-11

Over time, authentic faith produces patience in the Christ follower; a longer view with increasing trust and reliance on the Lord to bring His will about in His perfect timing. Growing patience is an indicator of _____.

Discussion 1. What are some circumstances in your life (or perhaps some relationships) which God has used to teach you patience? Do you think it is ever easy to learn patience?

One of the ways our spiritual immaturity shows itself is when we criticize and blame others for the _____ of our own sins. Authentic faith does not do that.

Discussion 2. What is it in us that makes us want to blame others for our own failures? Are there disciplines we can practice to help us not do that? What role do good friends play in helping us see when we are doing that?

Impatience is almost always self-centered. Looking well beyond ourselves, especially into _____ in other parts of the world changes us and give us a longer, broader perspective.

Discussion 3. If you have ever travelled internationally, how did it change your perspective on your own lifestyle here in this culture? When you are feeling impatient or struggling waiting on God, is there a place or time you look to that helps you regain perspective?

Our ability to wait patiently on the Lord is mostly about whether we really _____ that He knows what is best for us and will bring that about.

Discussion 4. Do you believe your trust in the Lord is growing deeper (i.e., your belief that He knows what is best for you and will bring that about)? If so, what is helping to grow it deeper? If not, why not?

Discussion 5. How does this lesson cause you to pray? How does it prepare your heart for worship?