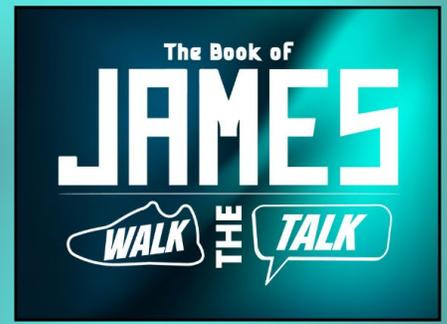


LARGE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



12.4.24 & 12.11.24

KEY TEXT: James 5:7-20

“Having A Faith That Lasts”

Lesson Summary:

One of the most important elements of our faith is our response when things go wrong. And though we may have messed up in this area, the book of James encourages us that how we finish in life is more important than how we start. Tonight's lesson focuses on living out a faith that lasts.

Maintaining a faith that lasts requires us to be patient amidst difficult circumstances, to never stop praying, and to be intentional about pursuing other people. However, as important as all of these are, they are not a spiritual checklist designed to earn our way to God! Living out a faith that lasts requires us to have a faith that begins with a full surrender to the work and person of Jesus Christ.

Main Points:

➤ BIG IDEA: How we FINISH is more important than how we START

Three keys for living out a faith that lasts...

1. Practice PATIENCE when we SUFFER

Sources of strength when we suffer...

- ✓ The promise of the Lord's COMING
- ✓ The promise of the Lord's BLESSING
- ✓ The promise of the Lord's CHARACTER

2. Don't stop PRAYING

3. Pursue PEOPLE

Discussion Questions:

1. Tonight, did any of you FOR THE FIRST TIME ask Jesus to be the Lord and Savior of your life?
 - a. If you ARE a saved follower of Christ, are you currently living out a faith that lasts?

2. What is something in your life, either in the past or present, that just isn't going the way that you want it to? How has this affected you?

3. What circumstances or life events make it hard for you to wait patiently on God's timing? Which promise (The Lord's Coming, The Lord's Blessing, or the Lord's Character) do you need to work on remembering so that you can start practicing patience during difficult times in life?

4. How much time do you spend with God in prayer throughout your day?
 - a. Do you only go to God when you need Him? If so, why?
(Leaders: Remind students that we should always turn to God regardless of how our present circumstances feel.)

5. Who is someone in your life that you feel God nudging you to reach out to? How are you going to pray for them and pursue them during this upcoming week?
(Leaders: Write down students' answers and then follow up with them next week.)

6. As we wrap up our series in the Book of James, where has God made you more aware of your need to be fully dependent on Him?
 - a. What steps are you going to take to surrender to His leading in your life?

