

Relate Group Questions

November 25, 2018

Ice Breaker Question:

What kind of garden have you planted? How long did it take for the flowers or food crop to appear?

Relate Group Value: Affirmation - Creating an atmosphere where group members affirm and encourage one another, build each other up in Christ, and help each other grow.

Sermon Series: Does Your Faith Work?

Sermon Title: Motivators for a Working Faith

Sermon Text: James 5:7-12

Other Relevant Scriptures: James 1:2-4; 12; Hebrews 11:32-38; Job 1-2: 38-42; Matthew 5:33-37; Philippians 1:8; Romans 1:9; 2 Corinthians 12:8-10; Leviticus 19:12, 18

Study Questions:

1. Why does James in this passage call Christians to wait patiently? How is that working out in your life?
2. What has helped you to become more patient?
3. How does the farmer image relate to our waiting as we work out our faith?
4. What situation in your life could take a lesson from the farmer?
5. How are Christians to behave during this waiting time before the Lord's return?
6. In what way does the promise of the future coming of Jesus motivate you in the present?
7. How are you at keeping your word and letting your "yes" be yes and your "no" be no (verse 12)?
8. Are you presently experiencing constant pain physically or emotionally? Is it your fault and is God punishing you (Job 1-2; 38-42)? Why or why not?
9. How do you cope with pain and suffering in your life and what part does God play (2 Corinthians 12:8-10)?

Weekly Check-up:

How is your daily Bible reading going?

How has your prayer life been this past week?

Are you struggling in your obedience to God?

Have you shared Jesus with anyone this past week?

Have you invited anyone to worship or small group?

What do you need prayer and encouragement for today?