



## **JAMES CHAPTER 5 (FACILITATOR)**

### **Discussion Starter**

- Is it difficult for you to rely and depend on other people? Why or why not?
- Is it difficult for you to rely and depend on God? Why or why not?
- **Opening Prayer**
  - Ask if someone wants to volunteer before leading the prayer.

### **Breaking it Down**

- All questions should be utilized as appropriate based upon group dynamics to facilitate both understanding and discussion. Don't feel tied to the questions and don't feel like you must get through every question. Follow the Spirit's lead! All questions are a matter of perspective in some way BUT there are specific questions that this is truer of, and these questions have been indicated to be perspective/opinion questions.
- Please use your own style, voice, and approach in preparing for leading your life group. Most importantly, take a few minutes to pray over the time together with you group and pray over each group member by name.

### **Tell the Story**

- **PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE ONE PERSON WHO SUMMARIZES THE CHAPTER (SUMMARIZES THE CHAPTER) BEFORE THE GROUP READS THE CHAPTER TOGETHER.**

### **Read the Story (James 5:1-20)**

Read out loud as a group, 3-5 verses per person. Let everyone know they can opt out if they would like.

### **James 5:1-6**

- James is not condemning being rich or wealthy in this text. Rather, he is underscoring that being rich or wealthy when relied upon as most important will backfire.

- Outside of money, what are some things that you personally are tempted to rely on more than you rely on God?
  - This is a perspective and opinion question so please listen as the facilitator.

### **James 5:7-12**

- What practices or rhythms do you have in your life that help to remind you to live with purpose, urgency, and patience?
  - This is a perspective and opinion question so please listen as the facilitator.
- Why do you think James includes brothers and sisters not grumbling against each other when talking about being patient in waiting for Jesus to return?
  - It's easy to lose sight of the reality of what's most important as we wait on Jesus to return. It's easy to lose sight of the importance of our relationships with brothers and sisters and how much God can work in relationships with brothers and sisters so that others can be drawn into His presence.

### **James 5:13-20**

- Notice the one commonality regarding James' encouragement and exhortation for the one who is sick, the one who is suffering, and the one who is cheerful, prayer.
- Do you agree or disagree with the following quote? Why? "Prayer moves the heart and mind of God to action."
  - This is a perspective and opinion question so please listen as the facilitator.
- Why does James reference Elijah as a man "with a nature just like ours" or as "a human being, just as we are?"
  - James desires that people understand the power of prayer. It wasn't the Elijah had any supernatural powers. He is the same as us and we are the same as him. It's that Elijah was willing to take everything to the One who had all the power.
    - In what ways does your prayer life need to grow?
      - This is a perspective and opinion question so please listen as the facilitator.

### **Final Application**

- What does this passage teach us about God?
- What does this passage teach us about mankind?
- What is a command to obey in this passage?
- What has God revealed in your life that needs changing?
- What truth can be applied to your life about the gospel?

### **Closing & Prayer Requests**

- Have a designated person to capture and share (as appropriate) within the life group.
- What happens in life group, stays in life group.
- Don't forget get to confirm the next meeting date and time

Also recruit someone to do the story for the following week. (Ecclesiastes Chapter 1)

## **JAMES CHAPTER 5 (STUDENT)**

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