



Week of July 26, 2020

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing you can't wait to do when life "gets back to normal?"
2. Why do you think our culture has such a difficult time with waiting for what we want? What is the hardest part about waiting for you personally? What ways have you found to make waiting more bearable?
3. Read James 1:1-4. How does waiting test your faith in God? What might waiting teach you about who God is and the way He operates in the world?
4. Think about a time when waiting produced something positive in your life. What happened? What do you think James means when he says that perseverance can make us "mature and complete?"
5. How would you wait differently if you saw waiting as productive rather than as a waste of time? During this season, how can you focus more on the payoff of waiting than on the pain of waiting?

Moving Forward

God hasn't forgotten you. He's preparing you. This week, get better at waiting by praying this simple prayer: "Heavenly Father, I know You haven't forgotten me, but I need You to encourage me." Then, watch for how God encourages you while you wait.

James 1:1-4

¹ James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes scattered among the nations: Greetings. ² Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³ because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. ⁴ Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.