

## Lesson for Midday and Evening Becoming Sessions

**Topic:** Patience in Suffering

**Text:** James 5:7-12

### Lesson Central Idea

Waiting For The Lord's Second Coming Is Not *Easy*  
But Waiting For The Lord's Second Coming Is *Essential*

### OPEN IT

- What kind of experiences try your patience?
- What good things in life are worth the wait?
- How can you tell whether a person is telling the truth or making a promise they will keep?

### EXPLORE IT

- What must we do while waiting for the Lord's return to earth? (5:7)
- What illustration did James use to describe the kind of patience we need? (5:7)
- When will the Lord's coming occur? (5:8)
- Why should we be patient about Christ's return? (5:8)
- Why should we avoid judging others or grumbling against them? (5:9)
- What will happen to Christians who grumble against their fellow believers? (5:9)
- What people serve as good examples to us? How? (5:10-11)
- In what ways does God help us when we must endure suffering? (5:10)
- What concern did James give concerning swearing? (5:12)
- What is the alternative to swearing? (5:12)

### GET IT

- How does God use others to build patience in our lives?
- What makes it hard to wait on God's timing?
- What changes does God want to make in us over an extended period?
- How have you suffered as a Christian?
- How will God reward us if we are patient?
- What does it mean to stand firm as a Christian?
- What lessons from Job's experience can we apply to our lives?
- For what kinds of reasons do Christians judge each other?
- What causes us to grumble against each other?
- What does God think about Christians fighting among themselves?
- What can a Christian do to be used with his word and promises?

### APPLY IT

- What situation or problem can you ask God for help and patience this week?
- What steps will you take this week to avoid judging others in your home? Workplace? Church?
- What promise do you need to keep? How?

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### BILLBOARD

Wait Patiently For The Lord's Second Coming!