

JAMES

PRACTICING FAITH

Sermon Discussion Questions

Be Patient // James 5:7-12

- The BIG Idea that Bob shared was “My Impatience Questions His Wisdom.” In what ways does our impatience question God’s control over our lives?
- Wilbert Jones had to patiently wait in prison for 45 years for a crime he did not commit. Have you ever experienced a time of waiting when you were treated unfairly? How did you handle it?
- Bob defined patience as the “prolonged restraint of anger” since the Greek word for patience is “long – anger.” Do you normally feel angry when you become impatient and toward whom do you direct that anger?
- How can looking to the future for Christ’s second coming give us patience for today? How can looking to the example of a farmer waiting for his crops to mature give us patience for today?
- We learned that to develop patience we need to follow the examples of the prophets and Job from the past. What other examples of others from your past have demonstrated great patience?
- Why do you think we resort to “grumbling” when we get impatient? How can we better handle our impatience in the future?
- We were encouraged to write out a 6-8 word “breath” prayer for us to use when we become impatient? Share with the group what your breath prayer is and how you’ve been using it.

