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Connect Group Discussion

Warm up:

1. Most of us have memories of attending church services when we were young. Tell a funny story of a childhood memory (or otherwise) that happened during a worship service. (Ie. getting into trouble, funny or embarrassing things happening, etc.)

2. What stood out to you from Sunday's sermon?

Study & Discussion:

James discusses the farmer who waits for rain as an image of patience (James 5:7–8).
In what ways does *patience like the farmer's* challenge our modern impatience, especially when we *feel stuck or waiting for God's timing* in real life? What does it look like to *work faithfully while waiting without growing bitter or anxious?*

James stresses that believers should "establish their hearts" as they wait (James 5:8).
What does it practically mean to *establish your heart* in a season of unanswered prayer or unclear direction? Are there disciplines, habits, or relationships that help you stay fixed on Christ rather than drifting toward distraction or despair?

The preacher highlights that the Lord is "at the door" and judgment is near (James 5:9).
How does the *immediacy of Christ's coming* shape your view of suffering, justice, and perseverance? Does thinking about the Lord's return encourage you or make you uncomfortable, and why?

James points to the prophets and Job as *models of endurance* in suffering (James 5:10–11).
What can we learn from the prophets' and Job's *long seasons of waiting without clear resolution*? Where have you seen *God grow perseverance through suffering* in your own life or in the lives of others?

Practice of the Week: Establish Your Heart

(James 5:7–11)
This week, **name one thing you are waiting on God for** each day.
Ask: What is mine to tend today—and what do I need to release?
Choose **one small faithful action**, then let go of the outcome.
Practice a **fast from grumbling**. When frustration rises, pause and pray:
"Lord, establish my heart."
End the week by thanking God—not for resolution, but for His **compassion and mercy**.