



LIFEgroups

Breaking the Ice

Go around and let everyone share on the following question.

What is something you had to wait for but the wait was totally worth it.

Digging In

It has been said, "Good things come to those who wait."

What is something you can't get unless you are willing to wait for it?

What, in your experience, is the most challenging part of waiting?

Read: James 5.7-9

This passage likens the way a farmer waits on crops to grow to the way God's people wait on Him and His timing.

What qualities does a farmer have that would be important for us to practice when waiting on God?

What are the blessings that come from learning to wait patiently?

Why can our impatience often lead to "grumbling against each other?"

Read: James 5.10-12

James goes on to give the prophets as an example of patience in suffering. They are praised because of their perseverance and the blessings that produced.

What blessings can you only get through patient perseverance?

Closing Out

We have all experienced situations that show how powerless we really are and force us to trust God for their outcome. Some may be experiencing that now in a small or large way.

Is there a situation in your life that you need to let go of and patiently wait for God's solution?

Close your meeting with a time of prayer for God to give the patience needed to persevere in these situations.

Leader Notes

The Main Idea

This week's meeting centers around our hope that, if we don't give up, God will always come through for us. There may be some people in your group that feel like they are just barely hanging on right now. This is the meeting for them. We have all been there but, it strengthens our hope to be reminded that God doesn't abandon his children.

Connecting

Before beginning the discussion, take a moment to let members share highs and lows of their week and pray.

Reaching Out

Consider taking a few minutes at the beginning or end of your meeting to talk about potential people your group could reach out to. Pray that God will use each of you to include new people in your LIFE Group.