

Community Group Outline – San Marcos  
October 15, 2017  
“Power in Patience”

WELCOME

What is the biggest way you’ve changed since you were a child? In what way are you still the same?

WORSHIP

Spend some time singing together, or read one of your favorite psalms. Spend some time in prayer giving thanks to God for his goodness in your life.

WORD

- How did it go obeying last week’s passage in the specific way that you felt led?
- Did you share the story or message of the passage with anyone?

Read the following passage out loud together a few times, perhaps from two or three different translations, discussing what stands out to people and its main point:

**James 5: 7-11**

- Ask groups members to retell or restate the message of the passage in their own words. (If you have a large group, you break down into groups of three or four to do this.)
- Now, each person says how they feel they are to obey it. The response that each person chooses is totally up to them.
- Then each person says who they might share it with—perhaps a friend, family member, or coworker that needs the encouragement that the story or passage offers. (This is easy to do because they practiced retelling the passage to one another.)

**Discussion Questions**

- What is the illustration of the patient farmer meant to tell us? We are not farmers (probably), so how does this apply to us?
- What are some of the things that cause you to lose patience or be overwhelmed? What has really tested your patience to the breaking point?
- How can you have confidence that God is still in control, even in the waiting?

WORKS

Take time to share prayer request with each other and pray for one another.

Go. Find a need, meet a need, pray with all.