

**James 5:7-12 7-05-09**

Connecting Group questions

1. What do you wish you could roll the clock back on your life? Share the biggest regret you have in life with your group. What do you wish you could do all over again if you have the chance?
2. James is addressing people in a very challenging life situation and he urges them to live with the “Lord’s coming” in mind. We understand that we live differently when we live with the end of something in mind.
  - a. When the Lord returns, he will end injustice and evil and suffering and will restore and redeem the broken earth. James says this should give them patience in face of suffering, a clearer focus on relational unity (no grumbling), and a perseverance because they will know that God will act at some point.
  - b. If James was writing this letter to you, what do you think he’d say to you?
  - c. If you lived with the “end of all things” in mind, how do you think that would change what you value? Would it change how you respond to suffering and life’s challenges? Would it change what you spend your time, money, and energy on? Would you be passionate about the same things in life?
  - d. Tim McGraw wrote a country song titled *Live like you were dying*. If you lived with the reality of your own personal life’s “end” in mind, how would that change your life?
3. What is one practical step you will take this week in response to the message on Sunday and this discussion?
4. Share one prayer request with your group in light of your discussion. Take time to pray for each other’s spiritual development this week.