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March 18, 2018 – James 5:7-12 – "Establish Your Heart"

QUESTIONS

(potential discussion/conversation questions to use in your GGs this week)

1. Ice-breaker: Everyone gets impatient at times, especially with pet peeves. What pet peeves do you have and how do you react to them?

2. Has there ever been a time when you were SURE you were being treated unfairly? How did you want to respond?

3. Why do we so often focus on changing our circumstances rather than focusing on our hearts? How has James corrected this impulse, both in this text and elsewhere in the book?

4. Why is patience so hard in the face of evil? How do we reconcile James' call for patience and the biblical call to fight for justice?

5. What might our inability to wait for God's judgment tell us about our hearts? Our beliefs? When do you have trouble waiting on God's judgment?

6. How can we fight against grumbling with one another as a church? What kinds of things might cause us to grumble?

7. What kinds of things do you **know** the Lord has called you to persevere in doing, even in the midst of opposition or evil?

8. What about God's character have you learned only through enduring hardship?

9. What do your words reveal about your attitude towards God? How?

10. How do we see in Christ the kind of "established heart" that James calls us to?