

Discussion Questions

Describe your level of anticipation for Christ's return. How high is it?

What circumstances can make patiently waiting for Christ's return difficult?

List 3 steps you can take to strengthen your heart.

Why do waiting and complaining go hand in hand?

How can reflecting on God's character produce contentment and patience?

What circumstances do you face that make "fudging the truth" seem like a good solution?

Learning How to Wait

James 5:7-13

Be Patient (7-8a, 10)

It is tough to wait for something—especially something that you greatly anticipate—with patience. Yet, like the prophets of old, we must remain patient as we wait for the return of Christ.

Be Strong (8b, 11)

As we wait, we must take the necessary steps to strengthen our hearts. Like Job of old, we must develop a deeper understanding and trust in the character and providence of God.

Be Content (9)

Waiting gets difficult, and with it comes the temptation to grumble and complain. We must guard our hearts and our tongues from complaining. Those who complain will be judged by the One who is returning to judge the earth.

Be Honest (12-13)

As we wait with patience, strength and contentment, we must guard our integrity, specifically in the area of honesty. We must become men of our word, trustworthy and reliable.