



# **LifeGroup Discussion Packet**

**Living with Eternity in Mind**

Series: What Matters Most

James 5:7-11, 19-20

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## Main Idea:

When you remember eternity, you live differently today.

## Key Verse:

“So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.” Psalm 90:12 (ESV)

## Warm-Up Question:

When have you had a moment that caused you to think more seriously about what really matters in life?

## Discussion Questions

1. This weekend’s message reminded us, “We live in the urgent. The Bible wants us to live in the ultimate.” What are some urgent things that tend to crowd out the ultimate things in your life?
2. Read James 5:7-8. James uses the picture of a farmer waiting for the harvest. What does this image teach us about patience, trust, and spiritual growth?
3. The message said, “When we forget eternity, waiting feels like wasting. But when we remember eternity, waiting becomes formation.” Where are you currently waiting on God, and how might eternity change the way you wait?
4. Read James 5:9. Why do you think James connects the return of Christ with the way believers treat one another?
5. The message challenged us to ask, “Will this matter 100 years from now?” How could that question change the way we handle conflict, criticism, offense, or frustration with others?

6. Read James 5:10-11. James points to the prophets and Job as examples of people who suffered faithfully. What encourages you about their example?
  
7. The message reminded us, “Your suffering does not mean God has abandoned you. Your tears do not mean your faith is weak. Your questions do not mean you have failed.” How does that truth speak to people walking through pain, grief, disappointment, or uncertainty?
  
8. Read James 5:19-20. James ends his letter with a rescue mission for people who are wandering. Why is it easy for people to drift spiritually, and what are some warning signs of spiritual drifting?
  
9. The message asked, “Who is your one?” Who is someone God may be putting on your heart to pray for, encourage, invite, or help bring back toward Jesus?

## Going Deeper

This weekend’s message said, “Don’t let eternity be a doctrine you believe but not a mission you live.”

- Where do you sense God calling you to live with more eternal urgency right now?
- Is it in your waiting?
- Your relationships?
- Your suffering?
- Or your concern for someone who is wandering?

## Next Step

This week, choose one practical way to live with eternity in mind.

- You might choose to wait with faith instead of frustration, extend grace in a strained relationship, bring your pain honestly to God, or reach out to someone who has drifted spiritually.
- Before your next LifeGroup, take one action... pray, text, call, invite, forgive, encourage, or surrender.

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