

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FROM James 5:9-11**

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### **OPEN IT**

- When has it been difficult to persevere in your Christian walk?
- How have Christian friends encouraged you to persevere?

### **EXPLORE IT**

- 5:9 Why should we avoid judging others or grumbling against them? What will happen to Christians who grumble against their fellow believers? How should the Lord's coming impact our interpersonal relationships?
- 5:10 What did the prophets gain from their suffering?
- 5:11 Why do we consider those who persevere under suffering to be blessed? How was God's compassion and mercy extended to Job?
- What is the practical value to James's readers, and to us, of citing such examples who patiently suffered affliction? In what ways does God help us when we must endure suffering?

### **GET IT**

- What causes us to grumble against each other? For what kinds of reasons do Christians judge each other?
- What does God think about Christians fighting among themselves?
- How can we acquire patience (Gal. 5:22-23)? What can believers do to help one another develop patience and perseverance?
- What is encouraging to you about Job's story? What lessons from Job's experience can we apply to our lives?

### **APPLY IT**

- Do you tend to grumble? Ask God to help you deal patiently with the circumstances and people you consider unjust. Try thanking God daily for things you are given (Phil. 4:4-9). Look for reasons to be grateful. Ask God to help you give Him all your anxieties (1 Pet. 5:7).
- What steps will you take this week to avoid judging others in your - Home? Workplace? Church?