LG Guide

11/1 - James 5:7-12

LOVE

A new commandment I give to you, that you love *one another*... (John 13:34)

- *Internal*: How was your week? Any new life updates? How was your walk with the Lord this week?
- *External*: Practically, is there any individual or family that needs encouragement from us as a group?

TRUTH

Let the word of God dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing *one another*... (Col. 3:16)

Understanding:

1. When you reflect on the message from Sunday, what most resonated with you?
2. Let's read our primary text. What does the word "therefore" in verse 7 connect back to, and why does that matter?
3. What does the image of the farmer teach us about waiting well (v. 7)?
4. What does it mean to "establish your hearts" (v. 8)? How does a person do that?
5. How do the prophets serve as an example of "suffering and patience" (v. 10)? [Jeremiah, Elijah, Isaiah, etc.]
6. Why does James say "above all" about oaths in verse 12, and is he forbidding all oaths?

Application:

7. In what area of life are you tempted to "force the harvest" instead of faithfully planting and trusting God's timing?
8. How would remembering that Christ's return is "at hand" change the way you spend this coming week?
9. Is there anywhere your "yes" has not meant yes lately? What steps will you take to ensure your word is trustworthy?
10. Any other thoughts you would like to share before we wrap up this text?

GREAT COMMISSION

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations... (Matt. 28:19-20)

- *Internal:* Did you make time to disciple your family this week? Pray with them?
- *External:* Is your life marked by joy/contentment? Are you prepared to share the gospel if the Holy Spirit prompted? Is the name of Jesus on your lips in your day-to-day activity?

CONFESSION/PRAYER/REPENTANCE

But exhort *one another* every day, as long as it is called "today,"... (Heb. 3:12-14)

- Confession is agreeing with God about our sin according to the Scriptures. Is there anything you want to confess before the group, generally? *[apathy, idolatry, selfishness, jealousy, anger, envy]*
- Let's pray, asking God to help us apply His word to our lives, putting to death sinful desires.