

# NEW TESTAMENT WRITERS

## JAMES

**Pray:** ask God to open your mind, soul and spirit to His teaching through His Word

**Think:** the questions are designed to expand your knowledge of God and His Word

**Begin:** using only your Bible, answer the questions\* without other outside sources

*\*questions are based on New International Version (NIV)*

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### Lesson 12 – James 5

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1. What truth, verse or insight from last week's WBS study has been helpful to you?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2.
  - a) Summarize what is written about "rich" people in James 5.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b) Of what individuals, groups and/or nations do these descriptions remind you? (Avoid naming specific names of individuals).
  
  
  
  
  - c) Review again these Scriptures you researched in Lesson 8, question 4 (Deuteronomy 8:17–18, I Chronicles 29:14–17, and I Timothy 6:17–19). Consider James 5:7–20 also as you summarize your response for how Scripture teaches us to live among or as "rich" people.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3.
  - a) Compare and contrast what James 1 and James 5 say regarding patience, perseverance and suffering. Include verses.

James 1

James 5

- b) Write an unchanging truth you learn from studying these Scriptures.
  
  
  
  
  
- c) Name two areas in which you currently need to persevere. How have these Scriptures specifically encouraged you in these areas?

4. a) According to James 5:9, what will happen to those who grumble against each other?
  - b) Why is grumbling such an offense? Read Exodus 16:1–8 and Numbers 14:2, 26–27 for more insight.
  
5. a) Write in your own words the command of James 5:12.
  - b) How well do you follow this command with your family members, coworkers, spouse or boyfriend, children, friends and God? Ask them for feedback regarding your words, timeliness, follow through, etc. in accordance with this command.
  
6. a) According to James 5:14–16, for what should the sick believer ask?
  - b) From these verses, what can you conclude, if anything, about the believer who remains sick? Be sure you can back up your answer with Scripture.
  - c) Consider how the word “sick” can mean emotionally, mentally or physically ill. Pray through your biases regarding the “sick”, and describe in what ways you will commit to support the hurting and ill.
  
7. What does Elijah's example in James 5:17–18 teach us about prayer?
  
8. Read James 5:19–20.
  - a) Who is the revealer of the truth? Read John 14:26 and 16:13.
  - b) Who is the only One who can save a person “from death and cover a multitude of sins”? Back up your answer with Scripture.

c) James 5:19–20 reminds us with what all important community do believers live?

9. Compare and contrast the two writers we have studied thus far. Include in your discussion:

- Audience
- Main emphasis
- At least two new truths you learned

**Paul (Ephesians)**

**James**

10. With the bible passage in mind, write the prayer request you will want to share with your Table Group on Wednesday.