

YELLOW LIGHT

careful priorities
careful community
careful conversations



Week Three | Careful Community | 11.14-15.2020

Grow Deep Conversation Questions: Use these questions to help you process the message in your personal time of study or with your group. Time suggestions are based on a 90-minute group gathering.

Message Recap: Yellow lights are reminders to be cautious of our surroundings and proceed carefully. How do you respond to the yellow lights in your life? It's easy to go full speed ahead, but what can we learn by slowing down and looking around?

» Opening (2-3 minutes)

- Introductions - this is especially important if this is your first meeting and if there are new members
- Housekeeping - clarify expectations
 - **Announcements:** These are in your Community News email. **Please read and communicate! Encourage participation!**
 - Remind your group that this is a confidential meeting
 - **Remember, there may be many thoughts and views. Please remain kind and respectful during conversations.**
- Pray - open your time together in prayer

» Introduction (12 minutes)

- Ice-Breaker: What is a guilty pleasure TV show for you?
- Digging Deeper: What happens when relationships become convenient and predictable but don't challenge us or make us better?

» Observation | Read James 5:13-20 (12 minutes)

- What are your initial reactions to this passage? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses? Why?

» Key Principle | **The crowd is clueless, community soothes us, our core moves us.** (12 minutes)

- James is finishing his letter, and he leaves some parting instructions. Is it harder for you to grieve with others or to celebrate? Why?

» Praying People | Reference James 5:13-15 (12 minutes)

- Have you ever had others pray over you in a time of great need? Describe how that felt and what happened.
- What is your strategy for praying for people? Who are you praying for regularly?

» Confessing People | Reference James 5:16-18 (12 minutes)

- What does it require to have people close enough in your life that you could confess something serious to trusting they will still care?
- How can confession to our core friends move us closer to God and others?

» Restoring People | Reference James 5:19-20 (12 minutes)

- What does it take for you to move people into your core - or out? Is this difficult for you to do?
- How do you know when it's the right time to allow someone to move in closer to you or when it's time to build in some boundaries?

» Next Steps and Prayer | (15 minutes)

- Take some time this week to consider your relationships. Is it time to bring someone closer or gently move someone out?
- Close by praying for each other as you are all assessing your core relationships this week.