

Weekly Summary: Faith Works For Community

James concludes with a cry to love and care and pray for one another. May the church of God live out its faith in good works!

Homework Leading Into This Week: James 5:13-20

FaithWorks: A Journey Through James

Week 11: Faith Works For Community



❖ Cliques are easy. Community is hard.

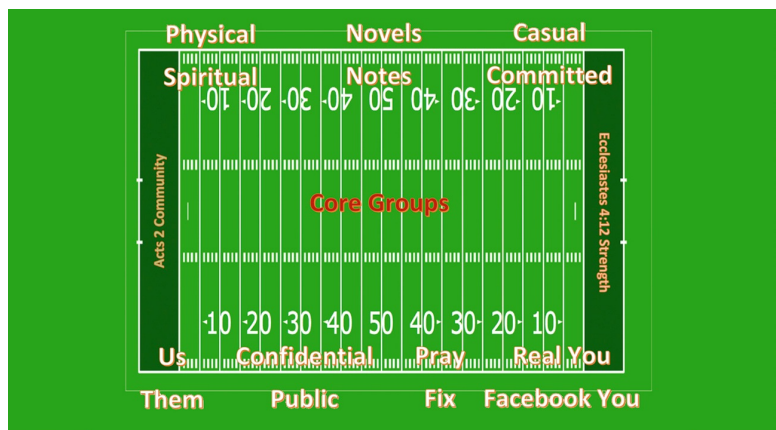
❖ James 5:13-15a - Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well.

1. Compassion creates community.

Judgment kills compassion.

James 5:11b - The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

2. Confession creates community.



James 5:15b-16 - If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

Fear kills confession.

James 5:16b - The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

3. **Correction** creates community.

James 5:19-20 - My brothers and sisters, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring that person back, remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins.

Cowardice kills correction.

James 5:20 - Remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins.



Points to Ponder

1. Read Hebrews 10:24-27. List three reasons why God wants you to gather in community.
2. Take the three components of community and put them in order—Which do you and your group/friends do best? So-so? Worst? How could you strengthen each component this Fall?
3. Agree/Disagree—Pride is the #1 threat to the key components to community.
4. Pick a Proverb and explain how it strengthens tonight's message on community: Proverbs 9:8, Proverbs 17:17, Proverbs 12:18.

Homework For Next Week: 1 Corinthians 12:1-3

*“Where two or three are gathered
in my name, there I am with them.”
~ Jesus*

Worship Through Song at The CORE:

1. “God With Us” - by All Sons & Daughters
2. “Boldly I Approach” - by Rend Collective Experiment
3. “How Great Is Our God” - by Chris Tomlin
4. “Thrive” - by Casting Crowns