

Christ Community Church

Community Group Discussion Guide for Week of March 15, 2026

Announcements

- 1. Community Group:** Any specific announcements or things to discuss pertaining to your community group?
- 2. Eggs & Pizza Party:** Join us after worship on Sunday, March 29th for an Eggs & Pizza Party as we stuff eggs for our Easter Egg Hunt, and please register online so we can plan for pizza and supplies.
- 3. Easter Sunday & Egg Hunt:** Join us for our Easter Worship Service on Sunday, April 5th as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, and stick around afterward for our Easter Egg Hunt for kids and families.
- 4. Upcoming Christ Community Gatherings:** Women's Meetup at Park Pour in Blue Ash on 3/26 from 7:30 to 9:00 PM - MAC Sunday on 4/12 (Lunch After Church at Mac's Pizza Pub in Blue Ash) – Men's Meetup at Madtree in Blue Ash on 4/16 from 7:30 to 9:00 PM.
- 5. The Gospel Coalition's 2026 Women's Conference:** Join the women of Christ Community Church for TCG's Women's Conference in Indy from June 11 to 13 for a time of worship, teaching, and connection. For registration and more information, visit www.christcincy.org/events.

Opening Question

If you could spend a day learning from any expert in the world, who would it be, and what would you want them to teach you?

James 5:13-20

Leader's Note: Open with a brief prayer, asking God to make the group receptive to His Word. Then invite someone to read the passage aloud. (For longer sections, consider dividing the reading among several people.)

[13] Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. [14] Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. [15] And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. [16] Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has

great power as it is working. [17] Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. [18] Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.

[19] My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, [20] let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Discussion Questions

1. In verse 13, James begins with two simple questions: “Is anyone among you suffering?” and “Is anyone cheerful?” In both circumstances, the response is the same—turn toward God. How do you tend to respond to different seasons of life—whether suffering, stress, joy, or success—and what has it looked like for you to bring those experiences to God in prayer?
⇒ *Potential Follow-Up Question(s): What fears, doubts, or distractions tend to keep you—or people in general—from bringing your circumstances, whether difficult or joyful, to God in prayer?*
2. In verses 14–16, James describes believers calling for the elders and others to pray for those who are both physically and spiritually sick, reminding us that faith often involves inviting others into our struggles. What makes it difficult for people to invite others into their struggles and ask for prayer when they are weak or hurting?
⇒ *Potential Follow-Up Question(s): Have you experienced a time when the prayers of others encouraged or strengthened you? What was that experience like?*
3. In verses 16–18, James points to Elijah as an example of how the prayers of an ordinary person can accomplish extraordinary things when they are aligned with God’s Word, will, and ways. What experiences, Bible stories, or passages of Scripture have most shaped the way you think about prayer?
⇒ *Potential Follow-Up Question(s): How have those experiences or passages shaped your expectations about what prayer is—or what prayer does?*
4. In verses 19–20, James concludes by reminding believers to help bring back those who drift from the truth, highlighting the importance of pursuing one another in love. What do you think it looks like for Christians to care well for someone who has begun drifting from faith or from the community of the church?
⇒ *Potential Follow-Up Question(s): None.*
5. Looking back at the whole passage, James shows us a picture of a community where people turn to God in prayer, invite others into their struggles, trust God to work through ordinary believers, and pursue one another in love. What is one way you sense God inviting you to grow in one of these areas this week?

⇒ *Potential Follow-Up Question(s): What is one small step you could take this week to put that into practice—either in your prayer life or in how you care for others?*

Prayer

Leader's Note: Wrap up your time by moving into prayer. Begin by inviting group members to share any requests, especially in light of the categories listed below. When someone shares, ask if another person would be willing to pray for that request. Then open the group prayer time by asking someone to start and encourage others to pray as they feel led. When it seems like the time is drawing to a close, finish by thanking God for His Word and for the time you've had together.

- **Word – Praying in Response to God's Word**
What truths or applications stood out from our discussion, and how can we pray for one another in light of what God has shown us through His Word?
- **Heart – Praying for “Heart-Level” Concerns**
Because real change begins in the heart, how can we pray for one another where trusting God feels hard or where walking closely with Him is a struggle?
- **Life – Praying for Personal Requests**
What personal needs, burdens, or situations would you like prayer for this week?
- **Church – Praying for Our Church and Its Mission**
What are some things happening in our church and through our church that we can be praying for together?
- **World – Praying for People You're Minister To and Those in Need**
Who in your life doesn't yet know Jesus, and how can we pray for them—and for your opportunities to love and share the gospel with them? Who in your life needs prayer, encouragement, or care, and how can we lift them up together this week?