



THE BOOK OF
JAMES
FAITH IN ACTION

Prayer & Healing - James 5:13-20

1. Reflecting on James 5:14-15, why is it important to ask for prayer when you are sick? How can asking for prayer from others, particularly a pastor/elder, demonstrate humility and faith? How can you make it a habit to seek prayer support from others?
2. James 5:16 emphasizes confessing sins to one another and praying for one another for healing. How can we foster a community where people feel comfortable confessing their struggles and sins? What steps can you take to build that level of trust and openness in your small group?
3. In light of 1 John 1:9 and Proverbs 28:13, how has confession of sin brought healing or relief in your own life? What are some barriers that prevent people from confessing their sins, and how can we overcome them as a community?
4. James 5:15 mentions the "prayer of faith." How does trusting in God, even when His answer to our prayers is not what we expected, demonstrate maturity in faith? Reflect on Proverbs 3:5-6 and discuss how we can better trust in God's plan over our own understanding.
5. James 5:14 instructs us to call upon the pastors/elders for prayer. Why do you think James emphasizes the role of church leaders in praying for the sick? How does this practice reinforce the importance of spiritual authority and community in the church?
6. James 5:17-18 talks about Elijah praying earnestly, and God responding powerfully. How does knowing that Elijah was "a man with a nature like ours" encourage you in your prayer life? What can we learn from Elijah's example about persistent and fervent prayer?
7. Reflect on James 5:19-20, which talks about bringing back someone who has wandered from the truth. How can we actively seek to restore those who have strayed from their faith? What practical steps can we take to reach out to those in our lives who may be drifting away from God?