James: Faith in Action Prayer of Faith

Prayer of Faith
James 5:13-20



Passages

"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." – James 5:13-20 (ESV)

Start Talking: Find an announcement or mission for your group. (15 Min)

- When is our next outreach party?
- April 9: Invite some friends or neighbors to Easter Services
- What's one thing from last's weekend's sermon that you hope we talk about as a group?

Head: Start Thinking about the Text. Ask a question to get your group thinking. (10 Min)

- The sermon text was James 5:13-20 and can be found on the lefthand side. To keep the study fresh please read Luke 11:5-13 in your Bible for your life group's main text.
- Why is it that the persistent friend will eventually get his request?
 What does God want us to do here and why?
- Why are we told to ask, seek, and knock? What does God promise will come to us if we ask for it?

Heart: Start Sharing how the Text is shaping our beliefs. Choose a question to create openness. (10 Min)

- Do you ever feel guilty praying for something too much? Why should we still go to God for everything?
- Do you think you need to have faith that your prayer will be answered when you pray? Why or why not?

Hands: Start living the Text. Commit to believing or obeying the text this week. (10 Min)

- In your prayer life ask God to help your unbelief. We might not be without doubt but the Holy Spirit is and can help you to trust and be obedient.
- What is one thing you can change about your prayer life to make it more faithful?

Start Praying. Be bold and pray with power. (15 Min)

• For suggestions on structuring prayer time, see the *Group Prayer Ideas* page in this packet.

Trios: Split into same-gender groups of three. Pick a question. (15 Min)

- 1. Who is one non-believer or someone without a church home that you need to reach out to this week?
- 2. What kind of conversations are you having with people you are reaching out to?
- 3. Is there anything God is leading you to repent of?
- 4. What's a passage of scripture that has impacted you this week? Read it to the group and explain why.
- 5. What's something you'd like someone else to check in with you about this week?
- 6. Pray for one another.

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