

Steadfast in prayer

SMALL GROUP NOTES

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Theme

Sunday was the final week in our steadfast series. We ended by looking at James' encouragement to be steadfast in prayer.

Scriptures

James 5:13-18

Outline

Tom journeyed us through the importance of being those that are steadfast in prayer. We looked at five different scenarios James uses as examples. The first four are everyday scenarios demonstrating the importance of prayer in all circumstances.

1. When life is rubbish - "let him pray" (v13)
2. When life is rosy - "let him sing praise" (v13)
3. When we are fragile - "call the elders" (v14)
4. When we've swayed - "confess your sins & pray for one another" (v16)

The last scenario we saw was the extreme moments, that don't come around too often. James encourages us in those moments to be those like Elijah who prayed big faith prayers and saw even the WEATHER change! We can be those who ask God to intervene and change any situation.

Questions for discussion

1. Which of the five scenarios James gives in the passage was most relevant to you and your current life situation?
2. How can we develop a culture of prayer in our own lives, small group & Church?
3. Split into pairs and pray for one another. Find out which scenario we are facing and pray in response. If needed - confess to one another before you pray.

Tags

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