



# the book of James

Week 12

**James 5:13-20**



**reminder of purpose**

The goal of studying Scripture is not simply to gain information, but rather:

- To get to Jesus (Jn 5.39-40)
- To obey it (James 1.22)
- To be transformed (Heb 4.12; 2 Tim 3.16-17)

## Key Verse

James 5.16b | The prayer of a righteous person has great **power** as it is working.

## Application Questions

- What do you need prayer for right now? How can the group pray for you?
- Do you ever pray in different situations or different postures? What might be the benefits of praying in different ways? (Written, out loud, in community, alone and private, on your knees, standing up with hands raised, laying hands on the person you are praying for, while walking, etc.)

## Life Questions

- Anything we can pray for this week?
- Anyone hurting around you that we can pray for or love this week?

## Potential Discussion Questions

- What are the handful of situations that James lists that should lead someone to talk to God? (Hint: there are more than 3)
- (14) **Why** do you think James recommends calling for the elders to come pray?
- (15) If this is true, then how come sometimes people aren't healed when we pray for them?
- (16) James gives us three hindrances to our prayer throughout his book. What are they?
  - James 1.5-8; 4.2-3; 5.16b (inferred)
- (16) How do we know if we are righteous?
- (16) Why is confessing your sins to other people play and important role when praying to God?
- See Matt 5.23-24; Luke 18.9-14
- (18) What does Elijah's life teach us about prayer? What does it teach us about the life of a "righteous person"? What does it teach us about God?
- (19-20) How do these two verses fit into the context of prayer?