



Talking through the weekly message helps you turn information into application. These talking points, questions, and scriptures are designed to help you make the next move.

City Group Icebreaker: Questions to Get You Talking

- Have you ever had a prayer answered? I mean, where you prayed that something would happen and it happened? Tell your group about it.

Key Scriptures: *13 Is anyone among you suffering? Then he must pray. Is anyone cheerful? He is to sing praises. 14 Is anyone among you sick? Then he must call for the elders of the church and they are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; 15 and the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him. 16 Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much. 17 Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the earth for three years and six months. 18 Then he prayed again, and the sky poured rain and the earth produced its fruit. 19 My brethren, if any among you strays from the truth and one turns him back, 20 let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins. James 5:13-20*

Big Idea of the Message: In this section, James' challenges us to engage in faithful prayer on behalf of others. The Lord meets specific needs through the body of Christ. Sometimes, we underestimate the power of prayer – both for others and for ourselves.

Message Study: The Essential Inductive Questions

- What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
- How did God speak to you in the passage?

Move Up. Connect To Christ

- Did you make space for loving Christ this week?
- What is in the way of you loving Christ with all your heart, soul, mind and strength?
- What is in the way of you connecting and conforming to the character of Christ?

Move Out. Connect To Culture.

- Did you love others (family, friends, community, city) the way you loved self?
- How are you living lives, with others (movement city group members) in pursuit of Jesus and his likeness?
- What is in the way of you connecting to Culture?

Move In. Connect Culture To Christ.

- What can you model and teach? What does God want you to share with someone this week?
- What have you done lately to "build a bridge" for the purpose of sharing the gospel?
- What is in the way of you connecting the culture to Culture (making disciples)?

Application Point: We must continually do our part in praying, serving, and confessing to our brothers and sisters.

Start Praying. Try to spend some extra time in your group tonight sharing prayer needs with one another and praying for each other. Try to focus on personal needs in your own life rather than issues affecting other people.

- How can we pray for you?
- Begin keeping a prayer journal, in which you record the things you pray for. Plan to check back periodically to see how God is changing the situation, and how He's changing you. Record this result, too.