

## Practically Disciples: The Letter of James | Wk 13 | 11/1/2020

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### WARM-UP: “Together”

1. What did you do for Halloween growing up?
2. When do you find yourself praying the most?

### WORD: “Truth”

**Leader:** Questions below should allow for quick responses, evident by close reading of the text. Choose to use some or all of them (pending pace), as reading of the passage(s) will answer them as well.

- **Sermon Recap (if helpful):** Pastor Tyler invited us to look closely at prayer as the pivotal climax of James’ letter to the scattered Christians. James calls us to pray in 6 key ways in 5:13-18. Those include when we are 1) in trouble 2) happy 3) in need of healing 4) with unconfessed sin 5) for courage to sacrifice for God 6) when God brings relief and renewal. Pastor Tyler asked us to consider if we are absent or aware of God’s presence in our midst. Have we sat down at God’s table for constant communion with God, or are we opting out. We are people who are prone to forget God in both good times where God deserves our gratitude, and in times where we feel overwhelmed. Yet, our world, city, nation, church, and our lives need our prayer more than ever. May we become a people who practice the presence of God through an ever-increasing awareness of the opportunity we have to be in ever-present oneness with God. May we take the direct ways that James tells us “how” to pray to God both together and apart as an invitation we cannot refuse and pray wholeheartedly in such a time as we face in this moment.

#### **Read James 5:13-:18**

If helpful read in two chunks (vv 13-16, 17-18). Questions follow this breakdown.

#### **Read vv 13-16:**

- a. What is the common thread in this passage/ what is the passage and sermon talkign about?
- b. Take the time to name the different areas of prayer James is teaching us to engage in.
- c. Which of the six ways to engage in prayer sticks out to you? Why?

#### **Read vv 17-18:**

- d. What does this brief recap or Elijah’s story bring to mind?

### SUPPLEMENTARY STUDY MATERIAL

Read about Elijah and his prayer life in 1 Kings 17-18.

Consider how Jesus prayed, Matthew 4. Jesus prays “every word that comes from God.”

## APPLICATION: “Life”:

1. Which of the six ways of engaging in prayer comes most easy to you?
2. Which is most difficult or comes least easy to you?
3. In the areas we find most difficult to engage in prayer with God, what are ways to start or support efforts to pray in those times and spaces?

## PRAYER “Way”

1. Use the list of 6 areas of prayer and pray them. Invite or assign each member one or two categories (depending on group size). Take turns praying from that vantage point and or prayer for the group members to have help to engage in those places in life outside small group. 1) in trouble 2) happy 3) in need of healing 4) with unconfessed sin 5) for courage to sacrifice for God 6) when God brings relief and renewal.
2. Do you have a specific prayer request?

## COMMUNION Together

Lead your group in communion in a way that feels right.

- If needed, 1 Corinthians 11:23-27
  - **23** ...that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, **24** and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” **25** In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” **26** For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS at ASC:

1. Come to [Young Adults Social](#) on November 6th from 6-8PM at Collective.
2. All-Church Check-In Survey Out Now. [Please Take it Here](#) before Nov 7th,
3. Share testimony of how God is moving in your life/your group in this season? [HERE](#)
4. Have you been baptized? If that is your next step in repentance and faith, [let us know](#).
5. How can we come alongside you in more specific ways as a church? [Let us know](#).
6. All-Church Prayer Call on Wednesday's from 1230-1pm each week.  
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7. Next Week, Please **INVITE A FRIEND** to **join us online or at your group** for week 12 of our current series Practically Disciples The Book of James. Share with your **social media** communities, engage our channels during the gathering to help others do so as well
  
8. Sign up for ASC Newsletter Weekly Updates [HERE](#).