

# JAMES

## FAITH WORKS

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Discussion Guide | April 14, 2019

James 5:13-20

#### **Questions for Study and Discussion**

\*\* Before you begin, please read James 5:13-20 as a group.

#### **The Power of Prayer**

1. Describe someone you know who is characterized as a man or woman of prayer. What makes them stand out in this way?
2. What role does prayer play in your own life? Why?
3. Respond to this short definition of prayer: "Prayer is talking with God. It's looking to Him. It's living life in awareness of Him and in relationship with Him." What do you resonate with? Anything you'd add?
4. How does James 5:13 teach the priority of prayer?
5. Is it easier for you to look to God in the good times or the difficult times? Why?
6. Why is it important to look to God BOTH when things are going well AND when things are tough?
7. What does this passage teach about the practice of prayer? Why is this important?
8. What other practical advice would you give to someone who wants to grow in the practice of prayer?
9. This passage also teaches on the power of prayer. Drawing observations straight from James 5:13-18, what does James say about the power of prayer?
10. Does your own prayer life reflect a conviction about the power of prayer? Explain.
11. What specific steps of obedience can you take this coming week, to apply what you've learned in James 5:13-20?
12. We've spent the last 11 weeks on James (way to go!). Before you conclude this session, review the book as a whole. What stands out to you from this series? How has studying James made a difference in your life?

#### **Challenge:**

Memorize James 5:16: "Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective."