

Be Praying Small Group Questions James 5:13-20 November 23

Community

- If you couldn't use your phone for a week, what would happen?
- What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.
- What is one thing you would do differently this week as a result of this message?

Core: Read James 5:13-20

- 1. Give your general view of prayer? Is it something that encourages or intimidates you? Or both? Why?
- 2. According to this passage of scripture, what kinds of situations in life should lead us to prayer?
- 3. What kinds of situations should we call for the elders in our church to pray for us? Why are we reluctant to do that?
- 4. What do you make of vs 15? Is this a promise from God? Does He always keep this promise?

Pray to Close	
9.	What does God call us, as Christians, to do if someone that we know, and love, and pray for, wanders away from the faith, and from the church? How can we be faithful to obey this calling? How can we obey it in a way that is wise, and Godly?
8.	Does God only hear and answer the prayers of a righteous person? Why do you think that?
7.	Is there more value in praying with others than praying by yourself? Why? Why not?
6.	James said that Elijah was a man just like us. Elijah prayed earnestly and God answered his prayers. How does Elijah's prayer life encourage you? Are there times that you give up on praying and resign yourself to apathy in your prayers? How does Elijah's example change how you pray?
5.	When is the last time you confessed your sins to someone other than God? Why do you think James instructs us to make a practice of confession? What should that practice look like?