

LIFE HACKS

FOR TOUGH TIMES & ROUGH RELATIONSHIPS

.....[A STUDY ON THE BOOK OF JAMES]

MARCH 24

PRAYER

INTRODUCTION

The book of James addresses many different subjects, but if you put the topics together, they relate to prayer. Many people lack excitement when it comes to prayer or feel guilty for not praying enough. Some are not sure that God exists, and others cannot see God for who He is because of their earthly father's behavior.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are some characteristics that most people long for in a Dad? How is God like these?
2. Read **James 5: 13-18**. Share a time when you prayed during a difficulty or trial. How did prayer help you feel more peaceful? How were you able to surrender the problem regardless of the outcome?
3. Have you or has anyone you know ever been healed of a physical problem through prayer? What about an emotional problem?
4. Are you able to stay focused on God if an issue does not resolve as you hoped it would through prayer?
5. Has your view of God been affected by a negative image of an earthly father? What steps do you need to take to help develop your view of God as a "good, good Father?"
6. Share with the group something that means deeply to you but never realized meant just as much to God.

MOVING FORWARD

How might your daily life be different if you thought about the Dove riding on your shoulder? What can you do this week to begin making a time and a place to converse with your loving Heavenly Father?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love. John 15:9