

James series Study Sheet

Week 15

Text: James 5:13-20

Message Title: Prayerfulness in a Secular World

Read James 5:13-20

How easy do you find it to pray? Share about when/where/how you pray (if you do). What do you pray about?

Why does James tell us to call the elders to pray for us if we are sick (v14)?

What do you think is the significance of the oil in v14? (see Exodus 29:7; 1 Samuel 16:13; Psalm 23:5; Mark 6:13).

Does v15 offer an unconditional promise of healing?

What is the role of our faith in prayer for healing?

What is the role of God's sovereignty in healing?

Read v15b-16. What is the connection between forgiveness, confession and healing in these verses?

How easy do you find it to pray for others when you are with them? How could you learn to do this more?

How comfortable are you with confessing sin in your life to others whom you trust? Are you willing to do that in the context of this group?

Read v16b. What confidence does this verse give us about what happens when we pray?

Read v17-18. What do we learn about prayer from the story of Elijah?

How could you create more variety in your prayer life—e.g. where, when, how you pray? Share ideas as a group.

What one step could you take this week to improve your prayer life?