

Session # 9: James 5:13-20
Small Group Questions

1. Is it possible to pray in every season of life (v. 13)? Talk about a time when it was difficult to pray. How did God meet you during that time?
2. Why does James tell sick Christians to call the elders to pray over them? Is there a connection between verse 14 and the end of verse 16?
3. Read Psalm 133 together. Have you experienced that kind of fellowship with other Christians before? What would that kind of unity look like at our church?
4. Take a look at verse 15. Does your experience suggest that it's true? In what sense is James speaking a promise, and in what sense is he speaking of possibility? Talk about a time when God healed someone in response to prayer. Talk about a time when God did not heal someone in response to prayer.
5. Why does James command Christians to confess their sins to *each other* and pray for *each other*? What's the connection with verse 20?
6. Elijah prayed with power more than once. Why do you think James mentions this story (v. 17-18)?
7. Do you tend to act first or pray first? Why do you think that is?
8. Dave (with the Elders) instructed us to find some way to fast this week. What are some different ways you can fast? How can fasting intensify your prayer life this week?

Close in prayer together. Consider spending some time asking God to reveal your sins and confessing them; praying for the sick in our congregation and praying for the leadership of our church (Pastor Search Process, Deacon & Elder Selection Process).