

PRAYER AND PRAISE
James: A Faith That Works- Part 8 of 8
James 5:13-18
Life Group Discussion

1. Take a few minutes to catch up with each other and open with Prayer.
2. Have you ever faced a trouble or trial that was so strong it caused you to question God and your faith? Talk about it and how you got through it.
3. Read James 5:1-6. James is condemning here not all the rich but the wicked rich who were the source of persecution to the early believers. What four things does he condemn them for?
4. Read James 5:7-12. The first response to adversity is patience until the Lord comes. What three examples does he give and what do you see as the unique lesson in each one? In what area of your life are you impatient?
5. Read James 5:13-18. The second response James calls for is Prayer when we are facing trouble, when we are happy over something, and when we are sick. Which one applies to you these days? Have each person share a prayer request or praise as appropriate.
6. Have you ever called the elders to pray for you in a time of sickness? What stops us from doing that? Do you feel you are more inclined to do that now?
7. Do you have any questions about healing? What sort of pitfalls can Christians fall into around this topic?
8. Read James 5:19-20. The third response to adversity is pursuit of the wanderer. What causes people to wander from their commitment to Jesus? As you think about it, does the Holy Spirit bring anyone to your mind? Do you feel led to take a particular step to reach out to them?
9. That concludes our study in James! Take a moment and share your thankfulness for what God has shown you through your study of James and for one another. We will resume our groups in September, but plan for ways to stay in touch with and encourage one another in the in-between time!
10. Close in Prayer