



Life Group Discussion Guide
Faith in Practice

How does faith work in your circumstances? - James 5:13-20

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Main thought:

Someone with a growing faith responds to God in all circumstances and actively pursues and prays for others who are sick, struggling, or have strayed away.

Notes

Final instructions from James

Respond to God in all circumstances (vv. 13-16a)

Trouble?	<u>Pray</u>
Happy?	Sing songs of <u>praise</u>
Sick?	<u>Pursue</u> prayer & <u>medical</u> treatment
Sin?	<u>Confess</u> & pray

Recognize the power of prayer (vv. 16b-18)

Remember people who need restoration (vv.19-20)

Application

1. Respond to God in your circumstances.
2. Allow others to pray for you.
3. Find people to be honest with and who will pray for you.
4. Reach out to someone who has wandered.

Ice-Breaker

- Share your 4th of July plans or a fun memory celebrating the 4th of July in the past.

Verse of the week

- What is a verse or truth from God's Word that stood out to you this week from your personal Bible reading?

Digging In

Read James 5:13-20, and discuss the following questions.

- What stood out to you from this passage/message?
- What does it look like to respond to God in all circumstances?
- How does this passage help us avoid the error of thinking that 1. God cannot heal those who are sick, or 2. God must heal those who are sick?
- What are the practical instructions to those who are sick? What are the instructions to those who are pastors/elders in the church regarding the sick? (see verses 14-16).



- Why is it important to have people in your life that you can confess your sins to and who will pray for you? Why is it challenging for Christians to find people to do this with?
- How would you counsel someone who is wanting to apply verses 14-16 to their lives? What caution would you give? What challenge would you make?
- Why is Elijah a good example regarding the power of prayer?
- Why do you think James ends his instructions with verse 19-20? How should we apply this?

Application

- If you haven't shared this yet, which of the 4 application points from Sunday did you feel challenged to do?
- What other ways can you apply this passage in your life this week?

Praying as a group

- How can we be praying for each other this week?
- Who is sick or has wandered from the truth that we can be praying for? What can we do either as individuals or as a group to pursue them?