

Homegroup Questions  
James 5:13-End

Throughout James letter we are encouraged as a community to look out for one another, and let others do the same. We can sometimes hesitate to step in for fear of intruding. James makes the assumption that as Christians we are involved in one another's lives.

God has given us responsibility for one another in the body of Christ. As we consider this last section of the book of James, begin by praying for God's love for others to fill your heart.

1. What three life situations does James highlight in verse 13-14?

The word James uses for suffering covers the many different types of suffering. From persecution to anything that causes/contributes to a negative life experience. Basically, anything that threatens to derail us and leave us in a place of hopelessness

2. Spend some time comparing the list of scriptures below with verses. 13-14. What is the common theme here?

a. 1 Thess. 5:17

b. Ps. 34:1

c. Eph. 5:19

d. Col. 3:16

3. What one thing makes prayer most difficult for you? How can you change this so that you love God with your time? Think creatively together about how you might be able to encourage one another this week, to pray more alone, and for one another.

4. James uses Elijah as his model of a righteous person of prayer. Read the story of Elijah and the drought in 1 Kings 17:1; 18:1-18, 41-46. What does this story tell us about prayer.

5. Share a story of answered prayer from your life. How did you feel through the situation?

6. James began his letter dealing with trials of all kinds. What trials have you had as we have studied James together, and how has God used it in your life?

7. Scan the book of James and write down the thing that was most meaningful for you. Why was it so meaningful?

Take some extra time in your group this week to pray for one another, and for those who God has particularly laid on your heart. Prayer is the place where heaven touches earth, you might like to spend some time listening to God for one another, as the Holy Spirit leads you.

With love and prayers, Liza