

SCC Small Group Discussion
Life Skills – Pray for one another - James 5:13-20
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Getting Started:

Do you pray more when you are in trouble or when things are going well?

Searching the Scriptures:

Read James 5:13-15

- A. Does it surprise you that love is something Jesus had to command? What are some different ways of responding to circumstances that are mentioned here? What's your take on each of them? Have you experienced any of these?
- B. Some people argue that bringing in the elders to pray and anointing with oil in Christ's name isn't necessary, others follow these instructions. What do you think is the right thing to do?
- C. How do you respond to the promise that prayer offered in faith for the sick will make them well?

Read James 5:16-18

- D. Why do you think James connects healing with forgiveness?

E. How have you seen the “earnest prayer of a righteous person” be effective?

F. Elijah’s story is found in 1 Kings 17:1 and 18:41-46. How did his earnest prayer distinguish him?

Read James 5:19-20

G. How would you like to be more involved in this kind of ministry? Does anyone come to mind you might be able to help?

Application of Scripture:

A. Make of note of two or three wounded people you would like to pray for or reach out to.

B. Consider keeping a prayer journal to write down the prayer requests that others make, and to journal things that you pray for on your own. This might help spur you to more consistent prayer, and it will help you keep track of when God answers your prayers. If you have already been keeping a prayer journal, what have you observed?