

Doing Faith: Being Prayerful

James 5:13-18

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1. Do you pray enough? What does that mean to you? What would it look like if you “kicked it up a notch”?
2. Why do children pray so differently from adults? In what ways do your prayer habits exhibit your level of faith in God?
3. Read v. 13-14. Is prayer an *automatic* response for you? When are you more or less likely to pray?
4. How does the depth of your relationship with God affect how automatic your prayers are?
5. Read v. 14-15. How do you pray when someone is sick? How did you react to this verse and the teaching on it? How has your church background impacted your beliefs about God’s will for human healing?
6. Read 2 Timothy 4:20. Why is it difficult for us to understand when a godly person is not healed? How can we respond to this situation with faith?
7. Read v. 16. In your small group, how can you pray for each other in a way that brings spiritual restoration? Why is it hard for us to confess to each other? How can your group create an environment that fosters authentic spiritual relationship?
8. In what ways has your small group cared for each other when members were sick or incapacitated? How do you need to do this more effectively?
9. Read v. 17-18. Do you trust the effectiveness of your prayers? Why do we tend to doubt this? How has your doubt affected your prayer habits?