

HOW TO PRAY POWERFULLY

James 5:13-18

MAIN IDEAS FROM THIS WEEK

1. THE ELEMENTS OF POWERFUL PRAYER
 - The prayer of faith
 - Anointing with oil
 - Confession of sin
2. THE QUALIFICATIONS OF POWERFUL PRAYER

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS – Pick one or two of these to talk about as a group

1. What stood out to you most from this week's message? Why?
2. If you've spent any time in church or even just watched televangelists, you probably have some experiences that have shaped how you view healing in the church. What has your experience been with healing through prayer?
3. Did this week's teaching out of James 5:13-18 challenge any of the views you have about healing and/or prayer?
4. One element of powerful prayer is the prayer of faith. How would you describe a "prayer of faith?" Read Mark 9:14-29. How does this episode from Jesus' ministry shape your understanding of what a prayer of faith is?
5. Another element of powerful prayer found in James 5:13-18 is the confession of sin. What are some ways that our spiritual condition and our physical condition are connected? What are some dangers of underemphasizing this connection? What are some dangers of overemphasizing this connection?
6. Is it possible to ask God for too much? Why or why not? Can you support your answer with Biblical examples?
7. How have you historically responded to unanswered prayer? What do you think is the appropriate way to respond? How do we become the type of people who respond appropriately?

PRAY: Take time as a group to pray over anyone in your group who needs healing.

A TRUTH TO TAKE WITH YOU: We can boldly approach the throne of Grace knowing that God withholds what He withholds because only God sees what He sees.