

## HOMELINK

March 27, 2022

### MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE:

*Jesus called out to them, "Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!"*

**- Matthew 11:19 (NLT)**

**ONE BIG THING:** Jesus' followers pray continually.

**REVIEW:** Tonight we read James 5:13-16 and talked about how there's a word that gets repeated in every single one of those verses. It's the word "pray/prayer!" The repeating of the word "prayer" means that James is making an especially important point. He is emphasizing how Jesus's followers respond to certain life situations... and his point is that in all of those situations, Jesus's followers should pray. And that is our big idea for tonight: Jesus's followers pray continually.

James gives some specific situations for prayer: If you are suffering? You should pray. If you are happy? Sing songs of prayer! If you are sick? Pray. If you are stuck in sin? Again– pray. We took time talking about each of those life situations and how/what you could pray for each of them.

The ability to pray– to talk to God– is an incredible gift! Because of our sin and brokenness, we don't deserve to be friends with God, much less to be able to talk to Him and take our burdens or requests to him. Yet, because of Jesus dying on the cross, his people are able to approach God boldly. Jesus has made a way for us to be made right with God, to spend time with Him, and to talk to Him. So if you are a follower of Jesus, take advantage of the incredible gift of prayer! You have a God who is bigger, stronger, and better than we can imagine– and yet He wants to talk to you and hear what you have to say. That's incredible! And if you are not yet a follower of Jesus, you can still pray– but start with a prayer that asks God to help you understand what Jesus has done for you, so that you could walk closely and be friends with Him.

### SONGS:

"Your Love Endures Forever" by the Village Kids

"God is Good" by the Village Kids

### PRAY TOGETHER AS A FAMILY:

"Dear God, teach us to be a people of prayer in every life situation. Reassure us that you want to hear from us and that we can trust you with how you answer prayer, even if you answer differently than we hoped or expected. In Jesus' name we pray– Amen!"



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