



Living Faith Prays

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CG Discussion Guide

CATCHING UP ON LIFE

This is when we update each other on the things that Jesus has been up to in our lives since we last saw each other. As A church family, we care about each other's lives: what we're celebrating, what we're mourning, what decisions we are praying through, and everything in between. (1 Thessalonians 2:8, Romans 12:10 and 15)
Suggested time: 10 minutes

- What can you thank God for this week?
- When were you most aware of Jesus' presence this week?
- When were you least aware of Jesus' presence this week?

REVIEW THE MISSION

Just like God the Father sent Jesus on a mission of reconciliation for us, Jesus sends us out as ambassadors of His reconciliation. We are called to make disciples wherever we go because Jesus changes everything. (John 20:21 and 2 Corinthians 5:18-20) · *Suggested time: 10-15 minutes*

- People:
 - Who in your life (family, coworkers, etc.) can we join you in praying for? Who has God put around you that is showing spiritual interest? Who is hurting and could use some love from our group?
 - Who are the people we are intentionally living on mission with (neighbors, Serve CLT partner organizations, or a specific demographic in Charlotte)? What are our upcoming plans to love, serve, and build relationships with this group?
- Plan:
 - Are there any hangouts already planned, or an extra hangout we could plan to create a way for these friends to connect with our group?
- Pray:
 - Prayer is the fuel of God's mission. Let's pray for our people by name; pray for their needs, and opportunities to have spiritual conversations that help them take next steps toward Jesus.

SCRIPTURE AND SERMON DISCUSSION

God uses His Word to reveal Himself to us, equip us to live the good life He's designed for us, show us our sin, and strengthen us as we follow Him. We preach the Word on Sundays and apply it as a Community Group throughout the week. (2 Timothy 3:16-17, Colossians 1:9-12 and James 1:22-25) · *Suggested Time: 30-40 minutes*

Read James 5:13-20 and Recap the Sermon

1. What stood out to you from the Scriptures or the sermon? What comforted you? What convicted you?

In the sermon, we said that James asks 5 questions and gives 5 invitations. They were:

- *Is anyone suffering? Pray.*
 - *Is anyone cheerful? Sing praise.*
 - *Is anyone sick? Call the elders, confess your sin, and pray.*
 - *Is anyone in sin? Confess your sin and pray.*
 - *Is anyone wandering? Pray and go get them.*
2. As you consider these questions, which do you find yourself wrestling with and what is both challenging and compelling about the invitation from James? (we would encourage you to spend time in prayer for various folks in the group who share. Potentially have someone share and then have someone else in the group pray for them).

Read James 5:16-18.

In the sermon, we said that the power of prayer is in the God whom the prayers are offered to.

3. What is helpful and/or beautiful about the example of Elijah in these verses?
4. How does remembering that the power of prayer being in God, and not us, help draw you towards a more active prayer life?

Time of Reflection + Prayer.

5. Spend the remaining discussion time reflecting back on the past 11 weeks. How has God matured you through our study of James? What do you want to keep growing in? How has your discipleship to Jesus been affected by this book?
6. Spend time praying that the Spirit would continue to grow our church into maturity as followers of Jesus.

ENGAGE THE HEART

Jesus calls us to walk in the light, confessing our sins to God and each other. God's Spirit works through confession and community to lead us to repentance. (Romans 3:23-24, James 5:16 and 1 John 1:5-10)

Suggested Time: 30-45 minutes