

COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS FAITH ALIVE - A STUDY OF JAMES

PRAYER AND PERSEVERANCE - JAMES 5:13-20

Focus

In these closing verses of James' letter, we see that Jesus' disciples will have to continue to face suffering, sickness, and sin in this world, but that God has also given us the means of perseverance – namely, prayer and the church community. The aim is for this church community to lovingly help each other keep their sights set on God so that they might persevere to the very end and be saved.

Opening Question

In what way has James most challenged and confronted you about some sinful aspect of your life?

Read

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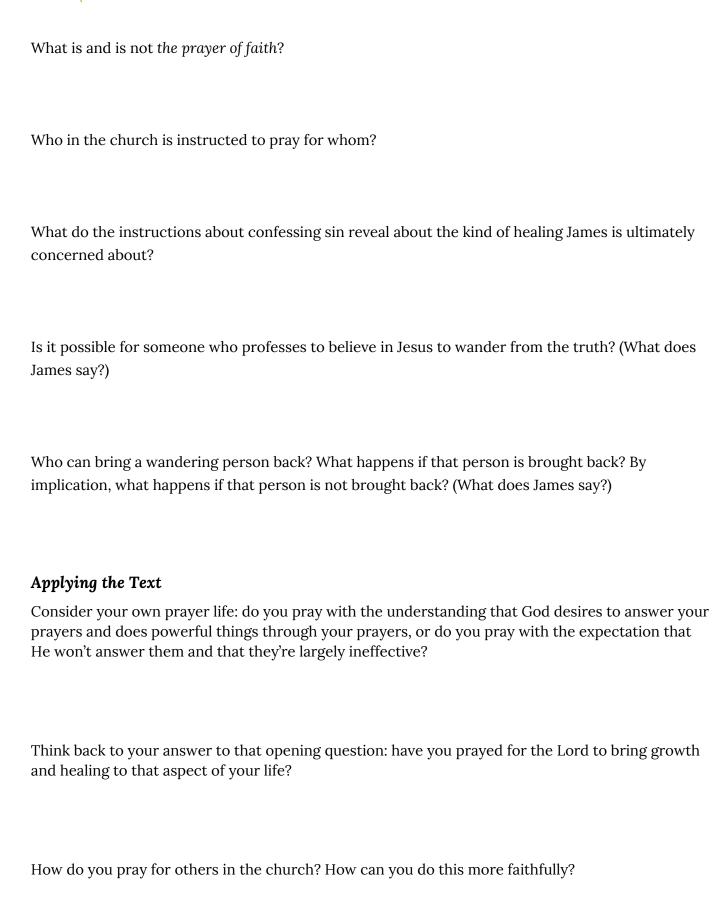
Some Questions for Reflection

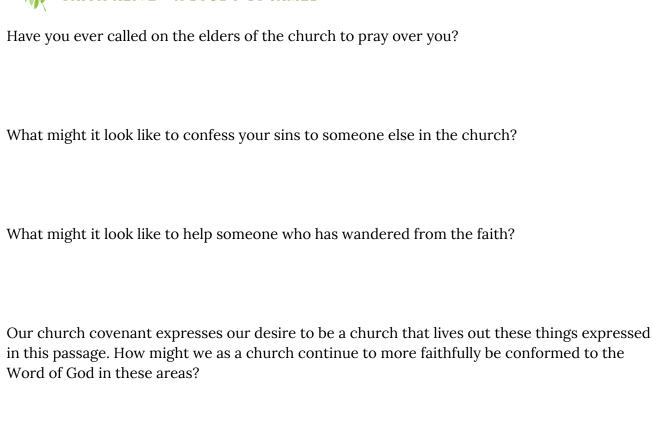
What seems to be the primary point of this passage? (Hint: what word is repeated multiple times?)

How does James' example of Elijah as a man with a nature like ours underline his primary point?

List all the things you learn about prayer from this passage.

Does anything surprise you? Does anything confuse you?





Reflecting back over all of James, how has this letter helped you to better understand the gospel? Greg Gilbert asks the insightful question: "How might our understanding of God and

the gospel of Jesus Christ be impoverished if we did not have James' letter?"