



LIFEGROUP CURRICULUM

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INTRODUCTION ACTIVITY:

When was the last time you prayed for someone else (in person)?

SCRIPTURE VERSES:

James 5:13-20

MEMORY VERSE:

"Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise"

-James 5:13

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What is your prayer life like? Describe it to others (remember everyone's might look a little different and that's okay).
2. Is prayer something you are comfortable doing or is it difficult for you?
3. Why is prayer such a significant aspect of our faith?
4. Read James 5:13-20. What stands out to you?
5. James seems to teach that there is a lot of power in our prayers, but we know that often it feels like our prayers go unanswered or at least they aren't answered the way we thought they would be. How do we reconcile this?
6. What is the true power of prayer? How does it change us as we pray?
7. Finally, James seems to prioritize the community and looking out for one another. How are you doing life with others in the body of

Christ? How are you present that you might be able to see if someone is wandering from the truth?

Questions to Ask When Reading the Bible

Sometimes when we read a passage in the Bible it can be confusing or we may not know how to best figure out what it is saying. Below are some good questions to ask when reading the Bible to help make the Bible make sense.

What stands out to me?

Note that this does not say “What does this passage mean?” Consider what stood out to you? What did you notice? What did the Holy Spirit highlight for you as you read it?

What does the text say about the character/nature of God

The Scriptures are primarily about God so ask first what the text says about Him before moving to what it says about us, about His plan, or about anything else.

What does the text say?

Look at what the text literally says first (this may not be the intent of the text but it is important to look at it as read... at least initially).

How is it saying it?

What is the genre of the text and how should we read text in that genre?

Why does it say it that way?

Speculate about why the author chose this method of saying what they’ve said.

What is it trying to say?

Getting behind the Scripture, looking at its context, its original audience, its author, etc., what is the text trying to get across to the reader (both the original audience and us today?)

How does this fit into the whole of the book and the whole of Scripture?

Looking at the whole book, does what is being said jive with the whole book, with the whole of Scripture?

What questions do I have?

Do you have questions about the text? If they aren’t answered in the text, are they good questions or are we asking questions that the text isn’t meant to answer?

How do I feel about this teaching/text? Why do I feel that way?

What does your gut say? Are you frustrated with it? Are you trying to make it say something else than what it says? Does it make you uncomfortable? Where are these feelings coming from? Is there sin in my life I need to repent of?

What is the universal application of this text/teaching?

What are we to do with this text? Consider the original audience as well as us today.

What is my personal application?

What is God calling you to apply with what you’ve learned with this text?

How will I apply what it calls me to?

Make a plan to apply what God has taught you. Seek to be faithful and obedient to His leading, wherever it may go.