

A Study Guide to James 5:13-20 (Session 10)

First Baptist Peddie Church

1. Pray for wisdom from the Holy Spirit for understanding God's Word.

2. Read James 5:13-20 aloud slowly several times.

3. Observe

1. Mark any words or phrases that stand out.
2. Write down any questions that arise from the text.
3. Write down the promises of God that you hear from this passage.
4. What are some of the verses that might be misinterpreted if viewed in isolation from their context and the rest of the Bible?

4. Watch the Video Lesson on YouTube

5. Interpret / Live out the Word

1. Would you ask the elders or leaders of the church to pray for healing, anoint you with oil, and hear your confession? Why, or why not?
2. Why do you think confessing sins is important for healing (v. 16)?
3. How do you become a righteous person whose prayer is "powerful and effective" (v. 16b)?
4. Think about the prayers that God did not answer the way you wanted Him to answer. What lessons have you learned (e.g., 2 Corinthians 12:7-9)?
5. Considering that "Elijah was a man just like us" (v. 17), how does Elijah's example help you pray?
6. What do verses 19-20 teach us about our responsibility for one another?
7. Since you began this study of James, what have you learned from other group members?
8. Among all the insights you have gained from the Book of James, what is *one thing* you would like to pursue for the next three months to become more Christ-like?

6. Memorize (use your preferred translation)

(James 5:16 NIVO)

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.