



James: Praying With Faith

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Life Group Discussion Questions:

1. As we come to the end of the study on the book of James, Derek reminds us it holds many challenges even for long-time Christ followers. What things in James did you find especially convicting?
2. Read **James 5:13-20; 1 John 5:13-15; Mark 11:24**. The big idea is: Faith-filled prayers are a lifeline to God. Derek said spending time with God will “empower obedience in a way our willpower is unable to do.” How have you seen this in your own life?
3. The first building block for faith-filled prayer is to pray and sing no matter what. **Read James 5:13-15; 1 Thess. 5:17; Phil. 4:6,7; Col. 3:16; Eph. 5:19,20** and give examples of times you should pray. When is it easiest for you to pray and when is it a struggle? How can you “build prayer and singing into the rhythm of your life?”
4. **Read James 5:16a & 19-20**. The second building block is to find trusted friends for confession and accountability. In your Life Group do you often practice confession? What would be needed for your group to go deeper and hold one another accountable for life change? How could this help you grow?
5. **Read James 5:16b-18**. The last building block is to pray persistently even in our weakness. Derek said, “God does extraordinary stuff through ordinary people like us.” **Read Luke 2:1-19**—how did God use ordinary people in the birth of His Son? As we keep turning to God He will live out His righteousness in us and change us. How does this give you hope?

Next Steps: What is a faith-filled prayer you need to pray? Be bold enough to share your need with your group and take some time now to pray for one another—for healing, for life change, or for praise. If your group has not already set up a way to share prayer needs with one another during the week (texts, emails, etc.) take time now to make a plan.

Prayer Thought:

Jesus, thank you for coming to earth to become human and to become our righteousness. Teach us how to make singing and prayer the rhythm of our lives and how to persist in prayer though we are weak. In Your strong name. Amen.