

Lesson for Midday and Evening Becoming Sessions

Topic: Praying and Believing

Text: James 5:13-20

Lesson Central Idea

Prayer Doesn't Go Well With **Unbelief**

Prayer Goes Well With **Belief**

OPEN IT

- What are some of the most memorable moments of your life?
- What are some situations in life when most people pray?

EXPLORE IT

- What should a person do when they are in trouble? Why? (5:13, 15)
- What should a person do when they are happy? Why? (5:13, 15)
- What should a person do when they are sick? Why? (5:13, 15)
- Why is prayer important? (5:14-15)
- What are the elders of the church to do for someone sick? Why? (5:14-15)
- How can prayer affect a person's health? (5:15)
- How can a person have their sins forgiven? (5:15)
- Why should we confess our sins to one another? (5:16)
- What is the effect of a righteous person's prayers? (5:16)
- Who is a good example of a righteous person's prayers? (5:16)
- What is a Christian's responsibility toward a fellow believer who has wandered away from the truth? (5:19)
- What is the benefit of helping a person get back into following the truth? (5:20)

GET IT

- How can we use prayer to help someone who is sick?
- When have you been able to pray specifically for someone or a special need?
- How have you seen prayer bring changes in people or circumstances?
- What hinders Christians from praying with confidence?
- What hinders Christians from confessing sins and praying for each other?
- If we confess our sins to God, why should anyone else have to know about it?
- What circumstances beyond our control can we affect through prayer?
- What causes Christians to stumble and fall away from their faith?
- How could you help someone who has drifted away from their relationship with Christ?
- How have others helped you while drifting in your relationship with Christ?

APPLY IT

- What situation or person will you pray for in faith this week?
- What personal needs can you ask others to pray for through the coming week? Whom will you ask?
- Who do you know who has been drifting away from the Lord and needs your encouraging word this week?

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