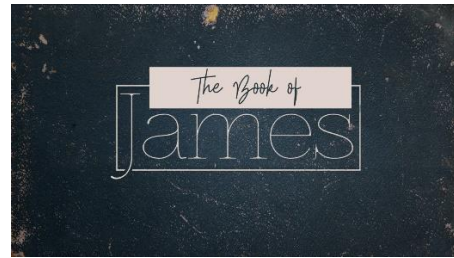


Eastridge Church  
Sermon Study Questions

James: The Way Jesus' People Can Rise Above

Week 11: A Praying Church Is Jesus' Answer

Passage: James 5:13-20



**Re-read James 5:13-20**

Right from the first verse we see that James is emphasizing the importance of prayer in the life of all believers. Prayer in *all* circumstances. For some, prayer is something that comes naturally and for others it is something that takes more work. *What does prayer look like in your life? How have you seen your prayer life grow as you have been a believer?*

Pastor Dwan highlighted how **verse 15** has been distorted by some leaders to imply that if we just have enough faith, God will do what we ask him to do. As if our faith can manipulate God into doing what we want. *If this was true, who would really be in control?* Often time the issue comes down to what our expectations of what it means to be “well” or “restored”. *What are some different ways that you have seen or experienced God answer prayers about healing and sickness that brought about wellness or restoration in unforeseen ways?*

Finally, Pastor Dwain stated this in his message, “There are churches that pray and there are praying churches.” *In your own words, what is the difference between the two? What does this passage tell us to do if we are to be a praying church?*

*Spend the last part of your time together praying through the points below and leave space for Him to respond.*

A call to prayer in this new year

First pray....

- Telling Jesus what you adore about him
- Thank Jesus that he has healed your soul & forgiven your sin.
- Praise God for the country you live in and the freedom we still have.
- Thank the Lord for your church family, and that you have a people to be with in these days.

Then pray...

- For your church family ahead of time as we rise in 2021.
- For our nation, and for leadership in the midst of the mess.
- For “one another” and make it normal to ask what the need is.
- Come Holy Spirit