

James | The Power of Prayer 4/21/2024 Reflect + Discuss

- When something good happens, who is the first person you want to tell? When something difficult happens, who is the first person you go to? When you have an important update, how do you share that news with others?
- Read James 5:13-15. What is James saying in these verses? In what circumstances are you most likely to go to God in prayer?
- Read James 5:16. What comes to mind when you think about confession? What has your experience been when with confession? Do you currently have a person or people who you go to for confession?
- How can practicing confession help us to find freedom to live in the light? Has there ever been a time that you confessed something, and it led to freedom? If you're comfortable, share it with the group (be as specific or vague as you'd like).
- Read 2 Timothy 2:12-13. Have you ever felt like your unanswered prayers were due to a lack of faith? How can these verses give us perspective when we're discouraged by unanswered prayers?
- How can we develop an instinct to go to God in all things whether good or bad? How can we support one another through confession and prayer? Take time as a group for confession and prayer.

Pray

- Pray that we would become people with an instinct to go to God in all things. Pray that we would be drawn by his unfailing love to come to him no matter what we may be going through. Pray that we would become like Jesus with our prayers- that we would be honest with God about what we want, while leaving room for his will to be done in the process.

Next Steps

- Check out the <u>resources page</u> for links to several Bible reading plans and other helpful tools. Explore other opportunities for growth and transformation by checking out <u>courses</u>.