

## **Go Deep**

*James 5:13-18*

### **Group Questions:**

1. What helps you to remember that God is present with you and available to you? What makes you forget?
2. *Read James 5:13-18.* How many times does James mention prayer in these 6 verses? What are the different situations we are encouraged to pray in? How does James describe the manner in which we are to pray?
3. What are some common misperceptions about prayer?
4. *Read 5:13.* What is the benefit of praying in times of trouble? How can you bring God into your happy moments in life?
5. *Read 5:14-15.* How should we pray for people when they are sick? What is the significance of anointing sick people with oil? Why is James be so confident that the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well?
6. *Read Mark 2:1-12.* How does this passage relate to James 5:14-15?
7. *Read James 5:16.* What is the “Therefore” there for? When is it appropriate and inappropriate to confess sin in the church? What is the purpose of confession to others when God already knows?
8. According to James 1:5-6 and 4:1-3, what makes our prayers ineffective? Is there anything else that makes our prayers ineffective?
9. What is a righteous person? Why is their prayer effective? How do you know if your prayer is effective?
10. *Read 5:17-18.* Why choose this miracle to describe Elijah’s effectiveness in prayer? What gave him so much confidence that his prayers would be answered?