

11: James

Summer Discussion Guides

Accompanies the 6/20/21 Sermon

PREPARE YOUR HEART AND MIND

Open in prayer: Pray that as you reflect on today's scripture that God prepares your heart and mind. Pray for the ability to understand and apply its truths to your life.

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

Read the following Scriptures together and then use the questions below (or any you wish to add) to discuss the text and unpack its meaning.



Have someone in your group read **James 5:13-20**

Central Theme: What is the central theme of today's versus? (Look for word repetition)

- Why does James suggest that the elders anoint the sick in oil?
- What was the point of saying the Elijah was a "man or person" just like us?
- How might making heroes out of biblical characters affect our reading of the Bible?
- Why do you think James tells us to confess our sins to each other in a discussion on healing and prayer?

GETTING PRACTICAL

Discuss the following questions together as a group; be willing to share how challenges and trials have affected your life.

1. What are some common ways that people respond to life's challenges?
2. How can followers of Jesus respond to life's circumstances?
3. How does our response show where our trust lies?
4. How should a believer handle sickness? What posture should we have when praying over the sick?
5. Why would God choose not to heal someone?