

PRAYER CHANGES EVERYTHING

James 5:13-15

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The questions below are designed to be used by Saylorville Church Community Groups as they meet during the week following the Sunday morning message at Saylorville. The intent is not for groups to answer every question, but for leaders to use the questions as a guide as they tailor the discussion to the unique needs of their group. The Sunday message and these questions can be found each week at www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons.

WANT MORE CONTEXT AND COMMENTARY?

- Check out this free **Verse-by-Verse Bible Commentary**, available through www.StudyLight.org.
- Watch an **overview video of the Book of James**, available from www.BibleProject.com.

CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)

- How would you define “prayer”? Talk about your personal experience with prayer. Would you consider yourself to be a person of prayer? Have you seen God answer specific prayers lately?

APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)

- **Remember** what you talked about last time. Is there anything you need to **follow up** on this week?
- **Review** your Sermon Notes together. What is **one thing** that sticks out to you about what you learned?
- **Read** this week’s passage together. In his message, **Andrew challenged us to be a church of prayer by becoming people of prayer.**

Prayer Changes Everthing:

1. You Pray: Personal Prayer (James 5:13)

- Where do you usually turn in times of suffering? Why? What are the typical results?
- Which of these specific steps will you take to grow in your prayer life?
 - Sit with God each morning
 - Pray throughout the day
 - Make time for extended periods of prayer

2. You Ask Others to Pray: Intercessory Prayer (James 5:14-15)

- Andrew said, “Suffering in silence is not the Christian way. We are better together!” Why do you think it’s so difficult to let others into our suffering sometimes? What’s the benefit when we do?
- Which of these specific steps will you take to grow in your prayer life?
 - Commit to prayer as your first recourse
 - Find 2 or 3 Godly prayer warriors
 - Suffering in silence is not the Christian way

3. You Pray with Others: Corporate Prayer (James 5:16)

- If Saylorville Church is going to be a praying church, we must be praying people. Be honest, what kind of church would Saylorville be if everybody prayed the way you pray?
- Which of these specific steps will you take to grow in your prayer life?
 - Pray with your Community Group
 - Come to Thursday prayer @ 6am or 8:30am
 - Commit to praying during our week of prayer prior to Easter

Receive and Respond: What will I do because of what I just heard?

PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- Don’t just pray to get more *from* God, pray to get more *of* God.

