THE POWER OF PRAYER
James 5:13-18

1. Prayer is for **ANY** and **EVERY** occasion and season. (vv.13,14; Psalm 34:17, 50:15, 120:1; Matthew 5:44; Luke 18:1; Romans 8:26; Ephesians 6:18; Philippians 4:6-7; Colossians 3:16; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, 25)

2. Do not hesitate to **ASK** for prayer! (vv.13-15; Romans 15:30; Galatians 6:2; Ephesians 6:19; 1 Thessalonians 5:25; 2 Thessalonians 3:1)

3. Get into the habit of **ADMITTING** your sins to each other and **PRAYING** for each other. (v.16; Psalm 32:3; Proverbs 28:13; Matthew 5:23-24; Ephesians 4:15; Colossians 4:12; 1 Timothy 2:11; John 1:6-7)

4. Prayer **UNLEASHES** God's power. Failing to pray **LEASHES** it. (v.16; Proverbs 15:29; Matthew 21:21; Mark 11:24; John 15:7; Ephesians 3:20; James 4:2; 1 Peter 3:12; 1 John 5:14-15)

5. Prayer is for **ORDINARY** people like **YOU** and **ME**, not those with special spiritual status. (v.17; 1 Kings 17-19; Romans 3:10, 23, 7:18-24; Galatians 3:8; 2 Peter 1:1)

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1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

2. James tells us to sing praise to God. How is worshiping the Lord in song considered prayer?

3. What are some common obstacles to prayer? What can we do to overcome these obstacles? Consider and discuss this: If prayer is as powerful as God's Word says it is, why is prayer often not our first response to situations in our life?

4. James says that if you are sick, to "call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him" (verse 14). Do the prayers of the elders (along with our prayers for those who are sick) guarantee the person will be physically healed? Why? Why not?

5. James says to confess your sins to one another (verse 16). This is rarely comfortable! - but how can this be so beneficial?

6. Some people (believers) might feel that because they aren't a 'Super-Christian' that they are unqualified to pray or that their prayers aren't even heard at all. Why is this not true? What might we unintentionally do that would cause people to think this way? How can we come alongside them and encourage them to pray?