#19 – Prayer

James 5:13-18

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The Big Idea: A Jesus-centered life will reveal itself through your prayer.

1 – How Jesus-centered is your life?

2 – What should you expect when you pray?

3 – What if you doubt this?

**Growth Group Preparation Questions**

For the week of March 17, 2019

This is the last week of the winter G2 session and groups will be taking a two-week break. We hope that you had a great time connecting with those in your G2 and growing in your relationship with the Lord! If you weren’t able to be in a Growth Group this winter, or if you would like to try a different group next session, sign-ups begin next week on Sunday, March 24 and the spring G2 session starts on Sunday, April 7.

**Getting to know You**

1. What is your favorite kind of pie?

1. Write down the names of 1-2 of your neighbors, co-workers or others that you are praying for. What are you praying about for them?

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1. Looking back at your sermon notes, what is something that stands out to you? This could be something that you are intrigued by, something that makes you uncomfortable, puzzles you, resonates with you, or something that you want to examine further.
2. Which best describes your life right now: troubled, cheerful, or spiritually or physically weak?

1. How would you rate your humility, dependence on God, and/or faith in your life right now?
2. How often do you seek prayer from other believers? Why?
3. David recognized and admitted his "spiritual weakness" quite often in the Psalms. For example, read Psalm 51:10-12. How often do you pray for your own spiritual health? How often do you pray for other’s spiritual health?
4. Describe your expectations when you pray. How can Romans 8:11 help shape your expectations?
5. The book of James has addressed our lives in very practical ways. As we approach the end of our time in the book of James, take some time to examine how you have grown during this series. Ask yourself:

* Am I becoming more and more patient in the testings of life?
* Do I play with temptation or resist it from the start?
* Do I find joy in obeying the Word of God, or do I merely study it and learn it?
* Are there any prejudices that shackle me?
* Am I able to control my tongue?
* Am I a peacemaker rather than a troublemaker?
* Do people come to me for spiritual wisdom?
* Am I a friend of God or a friend of the world?
* Do I make plans without considering the will of God?
* Am I selfish when it comes to money?
* Do I naturally depend on prayer when I find myself in some kind of trouble?
* Am I the kind of person others seek for prayer support?

**Growth Group Prayer Requests:**