



The Prayer of Faith that Heals - Pt 1

Small Group Work Sheet
October 23, 2011

Part 1 - Ice Breaker

- Were you ever in the hospital as a patient? What were you there for and how did it turn out?

Part 2 - Sermon Review

- The kind of prayer James talks about is an ongoing conversation with God throughout the day. In what ways would James' practice of prayer change your prayer life?
- What role should singing play in our times of prayer?
- All Christian music is not equal. What do we need to look for in the Christian music we listen to and worship with?
- Why should we turn to God in prayer in every type of trouble?
- What is the difference between God healing through primary and secondary causes? Give a biblical example of God doing a miracle through secondary causes.
- Are you a practical atheist when it comes to sickness? How should a Christian handle sickness differently than an atheist?
- Have you prayed for God's mercy on a stranger's life like the example of the robust African woman? How does that story challenge you?
- According to this passage, should the elders take the initiative to pray with the sick person or should the sick person take the initiative to call the elders? What is spiritually significant about the sick person calling the elders?
- Do you think the oil used was medicinal, sacramental or symbolic? Why? (**Bonus question:** What type of oil was it?)
- Where did James learn the practice of anointing with oil when praying for healing?
- In your small group, share the troubles and joys of your life. Pray for one another.
- Is someone in your group in serious trouble? Take the time to pray for him/her. Encourage them to call a pastor and arrange for the elders to anoint them with oil and pray over them.

