

Small Group Study Guide, Week of January 5, 2025

“Effective Prayer of Faith” – James 5:13-18

Q: How should Christians respond to help with suffering resulting from sickness and sin?

Big Idea: Intercession through prayer of faith is the best intervention for restoration.

Ice Breaker: As a child, what was your experience with prayer like?

Dig:

1. In what specific situations does James encourage his readers to pray? What conditions does he lay down for effective prayer? What promises accompany his encouragement to pray?

2. How is the example of Elijah meant as an encouragement to James’ readers?

Apply:

3. In what ways have you experienced the power of prayer in your circumstances recently?

4. In what ways are you struggling with the power of prayer in your circumstances recently? What have you found helpful from this study?

Adapted from Serendipity Bible (1988), This Morning with God (1978), Search the Scriptures (1978)