

# **11 -WEEK STUDY IN THE BOOK OF JAMES**

## **WEEK 11**

**“Prayer”**

**James 5:13-18  
1 Kings 18-19**

## WEEKLY READING

**Primary text from this week:** James 5:13-18

**Secondary text from this week:** 1 Kings 18-19

**Bonus Reading from this week:** James 5:19-20

## GETTING STARTED

**Goals for this session:** To be encouraged to pray

**Missed the sermon?** Watch it at [www.youtube.com/venturamissionary](http://www.youtube.com/venturamissionary)

**Break the Ice:** What is one time in your life where you prayed for something and God answered?

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How would you define prayer?
2. Pastor Doug made the statement in his message: *Prayer is the most powerful thing Christians can do.* Do you agree with that statement? Do you think most Christians agree with that statement? Why or why not?
3. In **James 5:12-14**, James lists different situations in which people should pray? What are the various situations he lists?
4. In **James 5:15**, James seems to link sickness with sin, a belief that was especially common in the ancient world. **Read John 9:1-7** and discuss the following question: do you think that Jesus teaches that sickness is a direct result of a person's personal sin? Explain.
5. Read **James 5:16**. Why do you think that Christians tend to think that some people's prayers are more powerful than others? What do you think? What would make one person's prayers more powerful than someone else's?
6. Why does James reference Elijah in **James 5:18-19**? Why is it encouraging to know that Elijah was a human being just like we are?



## PRAY

**Pray for each other:** Pray that each member of the group would be more diligent in prayer.

**Pray on your own:** Pray that you would be stirred to a deeper prayer life.

## ACTION STEPS

Go to **venturamissionary.com** and take advantage of the daily and weekly resources.

Stick a Band-Aid somewhere visible to remind you to pray for your family, your neighbors, your city, state, nation, and world with greater passion and diligence.

## NOTES

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