

Growth Group Homework

October 19th, 2014

Sermon Series: The Walk of Faith

Sermon Title: "Prayer Walk"

Sermon Texts: James 5:13-20

Preacher: Rod Bender

Take a few minutes to review the sermon outline from Sunday. Then answer the following questions, looking up Scripture verses where noted. Feel free to refer to other verses you may know that address the issue being considered.

Getting to Know You

What one thing makes prayer most difficult for you?

Digging Deeper

1. Why do you think that those who are "suffering" are told to "pray" instead of to "sing" or "call upon the Elders to pray for them"?
2. What did Jesus teach in John 9:1-3 about the relationship between illness and sin? (You need to consider the disciples' misunderstanding of it.)
3. Why might God bring sickness into someone's life because of his/her sins? Read Heb. 12:5-11.

4. James uses Elijah as his model of a righteous person of prayer. Read the story of Elijah and the drought in 1 Kings 17:1; 18:1-18, 41-46, and write down your insights.

Making it Personal

4. Why do you think we are told to confess our trespasses to one another rather than just confess to God privately?
5. Do you ever confess your sins to other believers? Why or why not? As you think about this instruction to confess, in what situations might it be helpful to do so?
5. Have you ever strayed from the Lord? How did you come back home?
6. Do you know someone who has drifted from the truth? Why don't you take some time right now to pray for that person and ask God how you can be a part of his or her restoration?

Prayer