



COMMUNITY GUIDE

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WEEKLY APPLICATION

TAKEAWAY: A mark of spiritual maturity is to treat prayer as a first response and not a last resort.

HEAD CHANGE: Prayer is the difference between the best I can do and the best that God can do.

HEART CHANGE: The purpose of prayer is not to get mans will done in heaven, but to get Gods will done on Earth.

LIFE CHANGE: To pray consistently, expecting God to move. ✓

OVERVIEW

As James wraps up his letter, he emphasizes the importance of prayer and faith. Throughout the Book of James series, we have received practical teaching and instruction to help us grow and live purpose-filled lives for God's glory, but we cannot walk it out in our own strength. We need the power and presence of God, so we must pray! And we need faith in order to break through the natural into the supernatural. If we press into prayer and build our faith, we will see God do great things in our lives and the world around us. ✓

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When you face a difficult situation, at what point do you usually stop and pray (right at the beginning, when it starts to get really hard, or when you reach a place of desperation)? How can praying first change the way you walk through trials?
2. What unknown future are you facing right now that might be causing anxiety or fear in your life? How does it make you feel to know God already knows exactly how it will turn out?
3. What is something you've been praying for, for a long time? Are you ever tempted to give up? Pray for these things as a group and stir up your faith together so that you can continue to persevere.

CLOSE IN PRAYER

Father, thank You for hearing us when we pray. We praise You for being all-knowing, all-powerful, and all-forgiving; You are an amazing God! Help us surrender our fears to You today. We believe You can do anything, and we trust You with all of the unknowns in our lives. Strengthen our faith as we wait on You. In Jesus' name, amen.

IN THIS TOGETHER!