



Reasons to Pray

James 5:13-19

MAIN POINT: A faith that actually works, prays.

- I. Pray because of your circumstances (vv.13-15)
- II. Pray because of your neighbor (v.16a,19-20)
- III. Pray because God works (vv.16b-18)

Q1: What are your main takeaways from the sermon/text preached?

Q2: The opposite of a Godward life is a self-focused life. How do we avoid the temptations of dealing with pain (like sickness or suffering) in a non-spiritual way, like self-absorption, isolation, or grumbling?

Q3: What steps can we take toward the creation of an environment in our church in which people feel more comfortable confessing sin and being transparent with one another in regard to struggles and pain?

Q4: What guidelines should we consider as we seek to confess our sins to one another? In other words, what people are appropriate for us to talk to and what sin in particular is appropriate to talk about? An obvious example is whether or not someone should seek out someone's spouse who is of the opposite gender to speak about their sexual sin. Clearly, that answer is a 'no'. What are the boundaries for sin confession?

Q6: Seeking to put this text into practice, what sin-battle can we pray you for?

Q7: How else might we pray for you? (In what ways are you suffering or sick that we can pray for you?)