

James: The Sound Of Faith

5:12-20



1. What insight, principle or observation from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye opening or troubling? Please explain.
2. Read James 5:12. What, about being a "person of one's word", is so appealing? Why do we so often try to get out of being responsible for what we say? How could you be more trust worthy with your words? What is your personal conviction on taking any kind of oath?
3. Read James 5:13-14? Are you one to always bring things to God, both good and bad? What is a trouble in your life that you need to pray about? What is something you are happy about that you need to praise God for? Take time to do that now.
4. Have you ever had the elders pray over you and anoint you with oil? Why or why not? Would you ever consider it? Why or why not?
5. Read James 5:15-18. What encourages you, challenges you, and confuses you about this passage? What does faith sound like when we pray for healing? What does it look like when God doesn't heal? Are you one who needs more faith when you pray, or one who needs more faith when God doesn't answer as you want?
6. Read James 5:19-20. What is the difference between telling someone the truth and winning someone to the truth? From the passage, what is the goal according to James? Who is someone that you think you may need to encourage to come back to the truth (don't need to share names if the person is known or local)?
7. Out of the three areas on speech (oaths, praying with faith, turning the wanderer back), which is most impactful for you right now, and why? What do you need to do about it?
8. Let the sound of faith ring out as you pray for each other and praise God for the things that make you cheerful!

