

SURVIVAL SKILLS "WEEK #9 – The Grand Finale- Pray!"

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Scripture: James 5:13-20

SECTION 1 – GROWTH GROUPS QUESTIONS

- 1. "Is anyone among you in trouble?" Other translations for this phrase "Is anyone suffering?" "Is anyone enduring hardships?" "Is anyone afflicted?" Does this sound like anyone you know? Does it sound like you? Has your response been a response of prayer? Why or why not?
- 2. What are the instructions that James gives to his readers in verses 13 and 14? And what are the results that follow these instructions in verse 15?
- 3. What do you think of when someone in the media says that their "thoughts and prayers" are with the people who are suffering? Does that seem to be appropriate? Does it mean something other than what it says?
- 4. Why do you think James gives the instructions to the elders to not only pray over people who are sick but also to anoint them with oil? What significance does this have?

5. What is the role of confession as James describes it, in this passage? What is the role of confession in your own walk with Christ? How might we have a better handle on a regular rhythm of confession?

SECTION 2 – PRAYER

Rather than spending a lot of time in small group questions this week, spend some time in prayer. Pray for each other. Pray for things happening around the world. Pray for people who are in your social circles who could use some prayer. Pray together.