

Pray for One Another

Sunday, January 25, 2015

James 5:13-20

The ONE ANOTHERS

Pray for One Another Jam 5:16; Eph 6:18; Mat 18:19-20

Alone and Together

Praying Alone

Practiced and Encouraged by Jesus

Praying in a Large Gathering

Practiced Throughout Bible and Church

Praying in Smaller Gatherings

Small Enough to be Personal – ‘One Another’ Praying

One Another Praying

- An expression of love
- Bringing the stuff on our hearts and minds
- Beyond sharing ... to helping
- Including God and Friends in Circle of Love

Reading James 5:13-20

Not as Commands

Not as Promises

Example of Family – How we do stuff around here – Written

- Prayer ... in the midst of Real Life
- All the usual things happen!
- And this community prays

Regular Life

Trouble; Happy times; Sickness; Sin; Wandering

Pray

Effective – Things happen when we pray ...

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Kicking off your Time Together

Ice Breaker

Go around the circle, introduce yourselves, and share something about prayer that is meaningful to you.

Opening Prayer

Have one or two open in prayer asking God to be present and to direct your time.

What Did you Bring?

Did you bring anything to share to encourage the group? (consider 1 Cor 14:26 as the pattern for this part of the meeting)

Read some “Pray for One Another” Passages

Have people read these passages:

Jam 5:16; Eph 6:18; Mat 18:19-20

Discuss a few of these questions:

As you hear these passages, what role of prayer is pictured in our lives? When should we pray? What should we pray about? Who should we pray for?

Share something about some of your best experiences of prayer.

Is there anything you would like the group to pray with you about now?

Pray for Each Other

In light of all that has been shared, pray for each other.

You may want to share specific requests.