

Bible Study Group Notes

James 5.13–20 and review

THE BIG PICTURE

James has been calling believers to whole-hearted, practical discipleship: receiving the Word, living out genuine faith, showing mercy, pursuing wisdom from above, and persevering in suffering. As the letter concludes, James turns to the everyday life of the church family. He highlights prayer, mutual care, confession, and restoration – reminding us that Christian maturity is lived out together as we depend on God and care for one another.

Read James 5.13–20.

INVESTIGATE

1. What situations does James mention in 5.13-14, and how are believers encouraged to respond in each case?
2. What role do prayer and the church community play in times of sickness (5.14-15)?
3. According to 5.16, how are confession and prayer connected?
4. What does James teach about the effectiveness of prayer (5.16-18)? Why does he mention Elijah?
5. What situation does James address in 5.19-20, and what encouragement is given to those who help restore someone who has wandered?

REFLECT & APPLY

6. What picture of church life emerges from 5.13–20? What seems most central?
7. Which aspect of James's closing instructions do you find most challenging or encouraging: prayer, confession, care for the sick, or restoring the wandering?

LOOKING BACK OVER THE LETTER OF JAMES

As we finish this series, let's reflect together on the themes James has emphasised.

8. What theme or passage from James has most challenged you during this series?

9. Where has the letter helped you see a clearer connection between faith and everyday life?

10. How has James shaped your understanding of spiritual maturity?

11. What practical change or habit might you carry forward as a result of studying this letter?

12. How might our church grow in living out the kind of community James describes?

PRAY

- Thank God for what He has taught us through the letter of James.
- Ask for grace to keep growing in living faith, wise speech, humble hearts, patient endurance, and prayerful dependence as we follow Christ together.