

PRAYING FOR RAIN

LIFE GROUP NOTES FOR SUNDAY

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Do you have a story to share that testifies to the power and effectiveness of prayer?

Read James 5:13-20.

How does this passage talk about prayer? In what circumstances are we encouraged to pray?

This text suggests a connection between our physical, emotional, and spiritual health. Have you experienced or observed a relationship between wellness/sickness and sin?

What experiences and/or convictions around prayer do you have that shape the way you pray?
What happens in your heart when you pray?

What role does confession play in our healing?

Discuss the following convictions about prayer:

- *Prayer changes things.*
- *Sometimes God says "no."*
- *Prayer is a communal event.*
- *We must pray earnestly.*

Which of these most challenges you? Encourages you?

Take a few moments to reflect on how God may be inviting you to deepen your rhythms of prayer. **Close by reading Psalm 40:1-3.**