

## **Bible Summary**

James 5:13-20

James' 3<sup>rd</sup> Law

James ends his book with a practical bang. He describes the Christian life like Newton's 3rd law of physics: for every action there is an equal and opposite reaction. In the Christian faith for every action we should have a corresponding reaction. If you're suffering – pray, if you're happy – praise, if you're sick - get prayed for, if you're sinning - confess, and if someone wanders - pursue.

Scriptures – James 5:13-20; 2 Chronicles 20:12; Joshua 5-6; Psalm 32:3; 2 Samuel 1:19; Proverbs 16:18, 1 Corinthians 10:12; Philippians 3:3; 2 Timothy 2:22; Genesis 14

## **Bible Questions & Application**

(These are meant to aid in facilitating conversation.

There is no obligation to run through **every** listed question.)

1. Our response to suffering is the barometer of our faith.
  - a. What is typically your first response to suffering?
  - b. When you pray, do you come to the Lord with faith and expectation?
2. James says if you're happy, you should express your praise. Share about something that made you happy recently.
3. Share about a time God answered prayers for healing, restoration, or deliverance.
4. In Psalm 32:3, David wrote that his bones were wasting away when he did not confess his sins.
  - a. In what ways is confession good for you?
  - b. What qualities would you look for in a person to whom you can confess, and how can you strive to cultivate those qualities in yourself? What are some obstacles to finding someone like this?
  - c. Is there a difference between private confession to God vs. public confession to others?
5. During this week's teaching, did God bring to mind anyone who has wandered from the faith?
  - a. What does it look like to pursue someone who has left the faith?
  - b. This week, commit to praying over such a person and reaching out to them in some way.
6. Proverbs 16:18 says that "pride goes before a fall," telling us that even the most devoted can wander away from God. How can we keep ourselves humble?

## **"Getting to know you" Questions**

1. Since we last met, what are a couple things you're particularly thankful for? (Philippians 4:8)
2. Have you seen any victories?
3. What is a challenge you are facing right now?
4. What is one thing you are looking forward to?