

Living the Way: A study of the book of James  
March 29, 2026 Discussion Guide  
Scripture reading: James 5:13-20

**CHECK UP:**

\*Memory work: You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. - James 5:8

\*Did you live out any application from last week's sermon/text?

**OPEN:**

- What was a highlight in your week this past week? What was a particular challenge you had?
- What are some things in which you depend on a regular basis?

**READ and DISCUSS: James 5:13-20**

- How does this passage instruct us to pray?
  - o What does it look like to pray/praise in those various situations? What has it looked like for you?
- How does our prayer life reflect what we depend on each day?
  - o What hinders Christians from praying with confidence?
  - o What hinders Christians from confessing sins and praying for each other?
  - o If we confess our sins to God, why should anyone else have to know about it?
- What circumstances beyond our control can we affect through prayer?
  - o How have you seen prayer bring changes in people or circumstances?
- What causes Christians to stumble and fall away from their faith?

**APPLY:**

- How does viewing prayer through a relational lens (to God, and with others) impact our prayer lives?
  - o How can we diminish prayer by practicing it purely "mechanically"?

- How can/should you help someone who has drifted away from their relationship with Jesus?
  - o How have others helped you when you were drifting in your relationship with Jesus?
  
- At the end of this text/book study, what action do you feel called to in living the Way?
  
- NEXT STEP: How do you need to depend on God and others this week?
  - o What personal needs can you ask others to pray for this week? Whom will you ask?
  - o Who do you know who has been drifting from the Lord and who needs an encouraging word from you this week?
  - o Reflect/Ponder: do you have something you need to confess to a fellow believer? If so, follow through.

Memory Work:

remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins. - James 5:20

Next Week's Reading:

1 Corinthians 15, Ephesians 2:1-10, 1 Timothy 1:15-17