

## **Life Group Study PRAYER**

### **James 5 vs 13 – 17 (NLT)**

(13) Are any of you suffering hardships? You should pray. Are any of you happy? You should sing praises. (14) Are any of you sick? You should call for the elders of the church to come and pray over you. (15) Such a prayer offered in faith will heal the sick and the LORD will make you well. And if you have committed any sins, you will be forgiven. (16) Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.

#### **Verse 16 Message Bible**

**Make this your common practice: Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you can live together whole and healed. The prayer of a person living right with God is something powerful to be reckoned with**

1. What is prayer about according to James?
2. Does your own experience of prayer resonate at all with what James says?
3. Can you recall any times when you have been hurting physically, emotionally, spiritually – how has prayer helped?
4. What does prayer have to do with relationship?
5. What is confession and why is it important?
6. Why do we sometimes find it hard to pray?
7. Whose prayer does James say is powerful? What does it mean to aspire to be this kind of person?
8. James talks about praising God when things are going well – what do we do in the hard times?
9. Jesus our greatest example often withdrew to pray privately. Putting aside time for personal prayer is one of the greatest challenges Christians face each day. What can we do to help us follow the example of Jesus and maintain this discipline?
10. John Newton described daily Bible reading as “The fountain of living water” and prayer as “The bucket with which we draw” Why do prayer and Bible reading go hand in hand as part of our personal devotion?