

## Powerful Prayer and Pivotal People Discussion Questions

### James 5:13-20

1. What obstacles prevent you from fervently praying and compassionately persuading others?
2. What is in your spiritual life that prevents you from being a strong spiritual influencer?
3. What differences are made by fervently praying and compassionate persuading?
4. Read James 5:13-14. Who do you know that is suffering? What can you pray about for them?
5. If things are going well for you, what do you praise God for? If things are not going well, we still can praise God. What do you praise Him for?
6. Why would James tell us to call the elders together to pray over the sick?
7. What does anointing someone with oil mean?
8. Read James 5:15-16. What does the prayer and anointing have to do with healing?
9. Why does it mention forgiveness of sin in connection with the healing? What does this seem to imply? Is this always true? Why or why not?
10. What is the benefit of us confessing sins to each other?
11. Why are we hesitant or unwilling to let others know what our sins are?
12. What affect does confessing our sin do to our standing with God? What affect does this have on our prayers?
13. Read James 5:17-18, 1 Kings 17:1-7, and 1 Kings 18:41-46. What did you discover about Elijah and the rain?
14. Why did Elijah have to pray and send his servant to look for clouds seven times before the rain came?
15. Read James 5:19-20. Is it possible for people to wander away from God? Why or why not?
16. What does it take to bring a brother or sister in Christ back to God?
17. What does it take to bring the lost to Christ?

18. According to verse 20, what affects does our reaching out, praying, and following Christ have on those around us who are far from God?
19. Does this passage encourage you to do all you can to reach others with the gospel? Why or why not?
20. How many of the people in the sermon do you identify with and how do you identify with them.
21. What about this passage affects you the most?