

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: August 30, 2023
James 5:13-20

1. What does James say that we should do if we're in trouble? _____
What do you do when you are in trouble?
 - A. Freak out.
 - B. Try to work through the problem logically.
 - C. Ask my friends or family for help.
 - D. Do all of the above and then, if nothing else works, finally try praying.
 - E. Pray.

2. What does James say that we should do when we are happy? _____
What do you do when you are happy?
 - A. Think about how something bad will probably ruin it soon.
 - B. Enjoy it.
 - C. Think about all the good things that I've done to get to this happiness.
 - D. Sing songs of praise.

3. What does James say that we should do if someone among us is sick? _____
What do you do when somebody is sick?
 - A. I give them medical advice based on the last time I had the same symptoms that they are having or my great aunt who had the same diagnosis.
 - B. I say that I will pray for them, but then usually forget before I even get home.
 - C. Go find the pastor and whoever the elders are to see if they have some oil to anoint the sick person with.
 - D. I stop everything and gather a few other Christians around who can pray with me for healing.

4. Why does James say to anoint the sick person with oil?
 - A. There is magical healing powers in the oil.
 - B. It makes the whole thing feel more official.
 - C. The oil represents the presence and Spirit of God and reminds us that it is not our prayer that heals people, but the power of God.

5. What, according to verse 15, happens when the prayer of faith is offered up for the sick person?
 - A. They are made well.
 - B. The Lord will raise them up.
 - C. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven.

6. Does this forgiveness of sin happen without confession and repentance?
 - A. It sounds like it is almost a side-effect of the prayer for healing.
 - B. This type of prayer drives us to confession.
 - C. James seems to be as concerned or even more concerned with spiritual healing than physical.

7. Whose prayer, according to James, is powerful and effective? _____

8. What does James say about Elijah?
 - A. He was a human being like us.
 - B. He prayed earnestly.
 - C. God answered.

9. What does this say about the power of prayer? _____

10. What is James trying to say, in verse 19-20? _____