

## ***“Get Connected” Interactive Discussion Guide***

### ***This Week’s Core Commitment (Virtue): Faithfulness, Proverbs 3:3-4***

*I have established a good name with God and with others based upon my long-term loyalty to those relationships.*

### ***This Week’s SERVICE Focus: Caring Relationships***

We will care for one another through prayer and practical help. I will share openly my emotional, relational, physical, and financial needs and demonstrate my love through giving and receiving care.

### **Option 1—Growth Group Study: James 5:13-20**

(Plan 30 minutes for your “study time” by focusing on the \* questions. If you need to fill out or add to your discussion, select other questions. However, be sure to leave time for “SERVICE” and prayer.)

#### Open It

1. \*What are some of the most memorable moments of your life?
2. \*What are some situations in life when most people pray?

#### Explore It

3. What should a person do when he or she is in trouble? Why? ([5:13](#), [15](#))
4. What should a person do when he or she is happy? Why? ([5:13](#), [15](#))
5. What should a person do when he or she is sick? Why? ([5:14-15](#))
6. \*Why is prayer important? ([5:15](#))
7. What are the elders of the church to do for someone who is sick? Why? ([5:14-15](#))
8. \*How can prayer affect a person’s health? ([5:15](#))
9. How can a person have his or her sins forgiven? ([5:15](#))
10. Why should we confess our sins to one another? ([5:16](#))
11. What is the effect of a righteous person’s prayers? ([5:16](#))
12. \*Who is a good example of how God answers prayer? How? ([5:17-18](#))
13. What is a Christian’s responsibility toward a fellow believer who has wandered away from the truth? ([5:19](#))
14. What is the benefit of helping a person get back into following the truth? ([5:20](#))

#### Get It

15. How can we use prayer to help someone who is sick?
16. \*When have you had the opportunity to pray specifically for someone or for a special need?
17. \*How have you seen prayer bring changes in people or circumstances?
18. What hinders Christians from praying with confidence?
19. What hinders Christians from confessing sins and praying for each other?
20. \*If we confess our sins to God, why should anyone else have to know about it?
21. \*What circumstances beyond our control can we affect through prayer?
22. What causes Christians to stumble and fall away from their faith?
23. How could you help someone who has drifted away from his or her relationship with Christ?
24. \*How is prayer an expression of faith? Faithfulness? Caring relationship?

#### Apply It

25. \*What situation or person will you pray for in faith this week?
26. What personal needs can you ask others to pray for through the coming week? Whom will you ask?
27. Whom do you know who has been drifting away from the Lord and who needs an encouraging word from you this week?

### **Option 2—Discussion of Sunday’s Sermon**

- What did you like?
- What did you not like?
- What did you not understand?
- How does it reinforce this week’s core commitment?
- What do you want to do in response?
- What do we want to do in response?
- What will you take away?

### **Option 3—Relate Your Study to Our Core Commitments**

- What Core Commitment(s) does our study reinforce?
- What can we learn from this passage about this week’s Core Commitments?
- How can we live this passage individually? As a group?
- What do we agree to do in response to this passage?