

1. Prayer is essential and pivotal in the life of a Christ follower and the life of the church. Take some time to discuss prayer. What is it? Why is praying important? How does praying change things?

2. Read **James 5:13-20**.

This passage has been understood in a number of ways: referring to physical healing, spiritual healing and somewhere in-between. When you read the passage, what do you think James is getting at? Remember the context of to whom he is writing, when/ why he's writing, what was going on, etc. Be sure to back up your thoughts with Scripture.

Regardless of the outcome of the above, the principles are still pretty much the same: in **all** circumstances, we need to pray. What does prayer do for us and in us when we choose to pray and praise in good times and pray in difficult?

James speaks to the "weak" in **verse 14**. He says that if you are standing in the need of prayer (whether due to physical ailments or spiritual) there are times you need spiritually mature people to come alongside of you and pray on your behalf. Why is this important? How can this help? What does James say this does? Have you experienced that yourself?

James transitions to praying for one another and being open and honest with each other. How do those two things go together? Why is that important? For Christ followers, is it an option to NOT pray?

In concluding this line of thinking and the letter itself, James says we need to pray for and pursue the wandering. This is most likely in reference to those people who "say" they are followers of Christ, but their lives do not bear that out. Why is it important that we pray for those who are living apart from Christ? What does that say about the way that people's hearts are transformed? In other words, can I argue someone into the Kingdom? What about a fellow believer who has gotten caught up in sin and wandered – how does this apply?



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MESSAGE SERIES

TODAY'S MESSAGE:
AUTHENTIC

Persistent Prayer - James 5:13-20

NEXT SUNDAY:
EASTER SUNDAY
Breakfast @ 9:30am | Worship @ 11:00am

WORSHIP ORDER

GLORIOUS DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING TIME

GOODNESS OF GOD

HERE'S MY HEART

OFFERING

INDESCRIBABLE

MESSAGE

COMMUNION

FORGIVEN

SEND-OFF & PRAYER

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SUNDAYS
2 Peter Study
Room 201 | 9:15am

THURSDAYS | 7:00PM
Men's Bible Study

WEDNESDAYS | 6:00PM
REFUGE (Gr. 6-12)
(KIDSTOWN will resume in the Fall)

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NEXT STEPS

The next Starting Point Lunch
will be on April 23, 2023!

Sign-up in the Church Center App

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UPCOMING AT NORTHAMPTON

WELCOME TO NORTHAMPTON!

We're glad you've decided to join us online or in-person! We want you to know that you are welcome here! Please take the time to fill out our online Connection Card and download the Church Center App to stay connected! Thanks for joining in!

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP NIGHT

Join us for a night of prayer, worship and encouragement from God's Word as we focus our hearts on trusting God in the quiet. We will have childcare for birth through kindergarten so families can take part in this special time! Join us at 6:00pm on Friday, April 7!

EASTER BREAKFAST

At **9:30** on Easter Sunday morning we will share in breakfast together. Sign-up in the Church Center App so we can have enough food prepared. This is a great opportunity to invite family and friends!

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The next Men's Breakfast will be on **Saturday, April 8 at 8:00am**. Please sign-up in the back of the auditorium.

SPRING CLEAN-UP

Plan to join us on **Saturday, April 8 at 9:00am** to do some spring cleaning at the church (i.e. inside and outside cleaning). Sign-up in the app!

STARTING POINT

Our next Starting Point Lunch will be on April 23 [12:30-2:00PM]. This is for all **NEW to Northampton** attendees who would like to learn more about **who** we are, **what** we do and **why** we do it! Please sign-up today in the app or nbchurchcf.org!

MESSAGE NOTES

PASTOR JOE PRYOR

Persistent Prayer

James 5:13-20

A Christ follower lives a life of _____

To live a life of prayer...

(1) Pray in _____ circumstances (v 13)

(2) Pray on behalf of the _____ (v 14-15)

(3) Pray for _____ (v 16)

(4) Pray for the _____ (v 19-20)