

Prioritizing Pursuit

James 5:13-20

1. Pursue personal _____ and _____. (v13)
2. Pursue the elders to _____ over you. (v14-15)
3. Pursue _____ and _____ together. (v16-18)
4. Pursue those who _____. (v19-20)

Group Discussion Questions:

1. Have group members share...What has been the best part of your week and what has been the most difficult?
2. As you think about our Move to Normal series working through the book of James...What has been the most encouraging or challenging aspect of this series for you personally?
3. On Sunday a quote was shared from Paul Miller's book "A Praying Life" where he said, *"American culture is probably the hardest place in the world to learn to pray. We are so busy that when we slow down to pray, we find it uncomfortable. We prize accomplishments and production. But prayer is nothing but talking to God. It feels useless, as if we are wasting time. Every bone in our bodies screams, "Get to work."* Do you agree with this assessment? Why or why not?
4. We typically prioritize what we value. We make time for what matters most to us. How have you learned to prioritize spending time with God by praying to him and praising him for all that he has done? What obstacles do you struggle with in making this a priority?
5. In your group go around and share one thing you want to praise God for and why.
6. In James 5:19 James says, *"My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth..."* We know that we all have susceptibility to wander from the truth. Where have you noticed that susceptibility in your life? What is an area of weakness for you? How does that weakness manifest itself?
7. As a group, read James 5:14-18. James emphasizes the importance of the body of Christ and the need we have to confess and pray for one another. Consider asking the group to share at least one area that they need God to work in their life personally, and then take time to pray for that person after they share.