STUDY #2 – EYES UP THROUGH PRAYER – JAMES 5:13-20
SEPTEMBER 20-26, 2020

Synopsis of study: One of the most important means of focus is through prayer. James teaches us about praying when life is difficult. Our looking to Jesus when life is good and bad is so important. Let's spend time on the need and value of prayer to help us keep our eyes up.

Icebreaker Questions:

- What is a selfish prayer you remember praying as a child?
- When it comes to prayer, do you pray more when you are in trouble or when you are happy? Why?

Bible Study

Have someone read our passage in two different translations

1. What are the "reasons" we should pray according to verses 13-16?

2. What does Jesus indicate about the various methods…means of prayer in verses 13-14? Why is our view of "prayer" often limited to bowing our heads and closing our eyes?

3. How does James' words change your view of prayer?

4. In the message we heard about two requirements to answered prayer – discuss these.

   #1 – Faith in God: How much faith in God is enough faith to have our prayers answered?

   #2 – A Righteous Life: Define a "righteous person"? How do my choices impact answered prayer?

5. What do we learn from Elijah about prayer?

Application

- What question might you have about "answered prayer" that you want your group to discuss?

- Why does prayer help us lift our eyes up to Jesus?

- What are ways you can focus more on Jesus through your prayers?