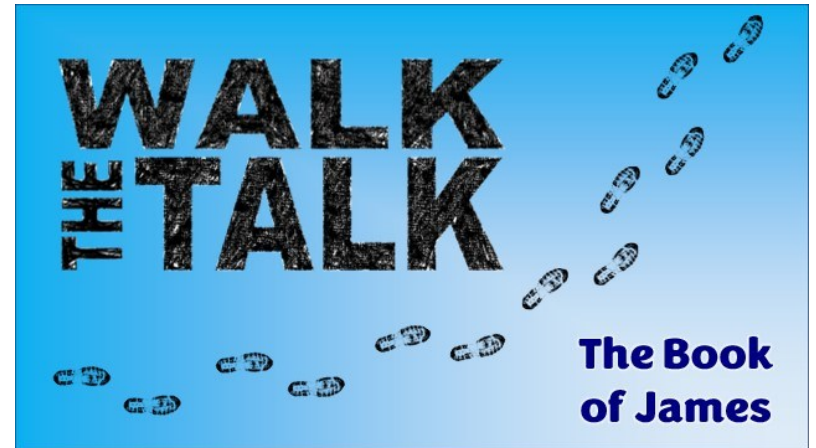


James tells us to confess our sins to one another. How can we create a safe and supportive environment for confession and accountability within our faith communities?

What are some practical ways to reach out to someone who has strayed from the path of righteousness? How can we balance truth and grace in these situations?



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Scripture References

James 5:12-20 • Matthew 23:16-22 • Matthew 5:33-37
Matthew 12:34-37 • Psalms 37:4 • Luke 7:46 • Mark 6:13

Prayer Requests

- 1) In biblical times, the most common writing material was _____, which was made from pounded reeds. Another writing material was _____, which was made from animal skins.
- 2) The word _____ comes from the Greek word "biblia," meaning "books" or "scrolls."

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3) The ultimate source of meaning is God himself, and we find our meaning as we draw close to God through _____.

4) In the Bible, people were _____ for special purposes, such as being a priest or a king, by having oil poured over their heads. Items were _____ to make them sacred. _____ was also a courtesy offered to visitors in a home.

5) In James 5:14, “anointing” is used to indicate rubbing with oil as a _____ treatment prior to prayer.

6) The Greek word for confess is *homologéō*, which means to speak the same, or to agree. In this case, to agree with God that we are sinners.

Reflection

James 5:12-20 serves as a powerful conclusion to the epistle, emphasizing key themes that are vital to the Christian life. At its core, this passage challenges believers to live with integrity, to engage in fervent and faithful prayer, and to foster a sense of communal accountability and restoration.

Small Group Discussion Questions

Please try to think these over and jot down some ideas prior to discussing them at the meeting, it will improve the discussion.



Why does James emphasize the importance of not swearing oaths? How does this relate to integrity and honesty in our daily lives?

How does James describe the role of prayer in times of trouble and joy? Why is it important to pray in all circumstances, in both good times and bad?

James advises prayer for those struggling and singing for those who are happy. What are a couple of your favorite songs of worship? Why did you pick those?

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