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1 Thessalonians 3:10; 5:17; 2 Thessalonians 1:11; 1 Timothy 6:11

BIBLE VERSE: JAMES 5:16

"Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working."

BIG IDEAS

- We pray in faith asking that God would bring physical and spiritual healing to our broken lives.
- We pursue God's people believing that their faithful prayer has great power.
- We pursue those who have wandered into sin praying that God would save them.

BIBLE PASSAGE: JAMES 5:13-20

TRANSFORM: LIVING FOR JESUS

In High School, the Transform Year is an exploration of what it looks like to have transformed influence as we seek to live for a Kingdom that is greater than our own. First, we recognize that we will never be transformed if we are not Living for Jesus. To do this, we must first know who Jesus is by looking at who He says He is (John 8:58), and then look at what the Bible says about how in Him, we live by faith (James 1:6). Next, we recognize that to have transformed influence means that we must live as disciples in pursuit of Christ and His Kingdom over ourselves and our own kingdoms.

SERIES AIMS



Every student should know...

- God is a God of compassion and mercy.
- We are prone to self-deception.
- If our faith does not have works, it is dead.



Every student should feel...

- Joy, even in trials, because of God's goodness.
- Thankful for every good and perfect gift from the Father.
- Responsible to use their influence for Jesus alone.



Every student should strive to...

- Read the entire book of James.
- Memorize the Bible verse each week.
- Reject and repent of faith without works.



Every student should want...

- To grow in their understanding of biblical faith.
- To practice religion based on what Scripture says, not the world, culture, or our feelings.
- To know and generously show mercy.

FAMILY WORKOUT:

This week we will ponder how to discuss with our son or daughter what it means to pursue other believers. We will pray for them to desire to pursue other believers and to pray for them. We will lead them to pray for other believers and to pursue them.

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Read James 5:13-20 and answer these questions to help you study and discuss the book of James with your son or daughter:

- Read James 5:10. What connection is there between James 5:10 and James 5:13-14? What connection to prayer have to the believer's spiritual journey?
- What point is James making about believers praying for physical healing? Does James mean that physical healing depends upon a person's amount of faith?
- How does our prayer life reveal our faith?
- Why should believers speak truth to other believers who are in sin? How does speaking truth to fellow believers profit the church?

Read James 5:13-20 and meditate on these verses this week. Use these questions to guide your meditation:

- Consider how you can discuss with your son or daughter the importance of living in community with other believers. How can you model pursuing relationships with other believers?
- Ponder what it looks like for your son or daughter to speak truth to their friends. How can you lead them to speak the truth in love and to pray for their friends?
- How can you encourage your son or daughter to develop the habit of praying for others?



Pray with your son or daughter every day this week.

- Model asking God to heal others and to save them from their sin. Model confessing your own sin before God.
- Pray with your student this week. Model humbly confessing your weaknesses and sin.



Memorize James 5:16 with your son or daughter this week.

- Make the memorization of the verse a competition or a game and award a prize to the person who memorizes the verse first.
- Discuss with your son or daughter some of the fears you've had about speaking truth to others. Share some ways you've established the habit of praying for others.
- Meet with your student to discuss some ways that he or she can establish the habit of praying for others.