



# Dangerous Prayers

WEEK 4 - PRAY FOR ME

## SERIES BIG IDEA

God's dream for you is to be a fully engaged Christ-follower, to be on adventure with Jesus that is daring, life-changing, full of purpose. If you're ready for something more, start praying dangerous prayers.

## MESSAGE BIG IDEA

Lord, help me have the courage to ask others to pray for me and then commitment to pray for others.

## SCRIPTURE: JAMES 5:13-16

### *The Prayer of Faith*

*Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.*

## ICE BREAKER & OPENING THOUGHT

1. What is the most dangerous thing you have ever done?
2. Share about a time someone prayed for you and you experienced God's power, or share about a time you prayed for someone else and they experienced God's power.

## BIBLE DISCUSSION

3. Read James 5:13-16 as a group and share the words and phrases that stand out to you. Why do they stick out to you? What questions, if any, do they raise?
4. Reread verses 15 & 16: "And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed." How are these verses similar and how are they different?

## LIFE APPLICATION

5. What feels more dangerous – praying for others or asking for prayer?
6. According to the scripture passage in James the 1st century church was entrenched in open prayer for each other. What are some barriers to asking for prayer? What are the benefits to asking for prayer?

## CHALLENGE

First- share a personal prayer request. That means a prayer specific to you, not someone else. As everyone shares their prayer, write the prayer request down, and then commit to praying for each person daily.

Second- end group by getting in groups of 2 or 3 and lay hands on one another's shoulders and take turns praying for one another.