



November 9 – 10  
Lesson 8

## God is Listening. Pray for One Another

*This Discussion Guide should be used the week following the sermon it supplements, but members can still interact even if they missed the sermon. To use this guide in your Community Group, try to work through the questions on your own before you meet. You might not get to all of the questions, and that's okay. If your Community Group does not meet one week, walk through the guide on your own so that you can stay in sync with the series.*

**MAIN TEXT:** James 5:13-16

**SUMMARY:** To continue our “One Another” series on how to be the church with one another and not just do church, we will look into why it is important to pray for one another. Because no matter what your circumstance is, prayer is the primary work of God's people.

Just a reminder, while the “one another” passages do encourage us to move inward in community with one another, it doesn't happen without moving upward toward God, and it always moves us outward to the lost around us!

### GETTING STARTED

Watch the video together with the corresponding guide and answer the following question below:

1. What makes it hard to believe that God is listening to our prayers? When do you pray and how often do you pray?

### DISCUSSING THE WORD

1. Read James 5:13-16. Prayer is for us and others. How does your view change concerning a circumstance in your life when you go to God in prayer?
2. Read v. 15. How is prayer the exercising of faith?
3. How does your view of God affect how you pray and what you go to God with?
4. What do we need to pray for each other about?
5. How can praying for another person be a great way to be missionally engaged with the unchurched and unsaved?

### RESPONDING TO GOD

1. What changes do you need to make in your schedule to include prayer as part of your routine and throughout the day?
2. Take time to break into smaller groups to pray for one another (i.e. guys and girls can break into separate rooms, etc.)

## OTHER THOUGHTS

Use Deuteronomy 6:4, the Shema, as content for your prayers. This was an early Jewish practice of reciting this verse every morning. In addition, use the Lord's Prayer in Matthew 6:9-13 as content for your prayers as well.

## MOVE TO BE MISSIONALLY-ENGAGED WITH YOUR GROUP

Below is the Moving Outward that was shared previously. Use some time at the end to discuss any details needed to move forward, and spend some time praying for these unsaved friends.

1. Have each person think of 2 unsaved friends. Write them down on a piece of paper and commit to pray for their salvation.
2. Go around the room and share with your group the 2 unsaved friends that you wrote down.
3. Decide as a group which unsaved friend you would all like to pursue with either one of the following 3 things:
  - a. **Is there a need? Then fill it.** (*Ex. Yardwork is difficult for a single mom.*)
  - b. **Is there a hurt? Then heal it.** (*Ex. A neighbor's spouse passed away and you make meals for the neighbor for a week*)
  - c. **Is there a common interest? Then do it.** (*Ex. A friend likes board games, so you get together for a game night!*)
4. Start planning the details together as a group and just focus on 1 or 2 unsaved people at a time. Let them see your love that you have as a group and the love Jesus has for them!