

# The Body

Part 2: The Power of Healing

James 5:14-16

## Launch

What is the worst injury or illness you've ever experienced?

## Explore

### Read the passage

Why do you think James emphasizes the community aspect of prayer in this passage rather than our personal prayer life?

James is concerned about "effective," "humble," and "reliant" prayer. How does communal prayer uniquely address these?

From what you know of the Old Testament, what might the oil (in v. 14) symbolize?

Not everyone who prays for healing is automatically healed. How do we reconcile that fact with the promise of this passage?

## Apply

Have you ever prayed for healing (for you or someone else) and had the prayer go (seemingly) unanswered? Describe how that affected your faith.

There's more to healing than just physical wellness. How have you seen God heal people emotionally and spiritually, bringing wholeness to individuals and families?

In what ways have you experienced the presence and power of Jesus in the midst of his body, the church?

If you weren't embarrassed and could call together all of God's people to pray for you in a specific way, what would it be?

## Pray

Pray for each other's specific needs in the area of healing (physical, relational, emotional, spiritual, etc.)