

# Enquiring Minds #3

## How Shall We Pray for the Sick: Healing or Home-Going?

### James 5:13-18

February 19, 2023

Sermon Sketch: How best might we pray for those who are ailing? God has made wonderful provision for us to trust Him, even in the most dire of situations. Praying for His will to be done is never a cop out or second best kind of prayer...

- 1) How have you identified with who you are in Christ in the past week? (EM 2 – What are Our Biblical Heroes Like and How are We Similar to Them? 2/12/23)
- 2) Have you ever struggled to know how best to pray for someone who was ill?
- 3) What is your personal experience of healing? Have you ever seen God miraculously bring healing to your body? Have you ever been close to someone else who has received a miraculous healing?
- 4) Have you ever prayed for healing and not seen it answered as you may have hoped? If so, how did you deal with any disappointment that may have arisen from the experience?
- 5) Pastor Jon argued that Paul's experience detailed in 2 Corinthians 12:7-10, whether dealing with illness or not, is instructive for us that sometimes God does not answer our prayers as we wish. How have you been able to put your hope in Jesus when life does not work out according to "your" plan?

- 6) There is a lot of Biblical data on the power of the name of Jesus (John 14:13-14, John 15:16, John 16:23-24, John 16:26, Acts 3:6, Acts 3:16, Acts 4:10, Acts 4:30, Acts 16:18), how might we best form our prayers according to the person and work of Christ?
- 7) Have you ever prayed specifically for the Lord to take home one of His suffering saints? Did that seem like failure or victory to you?
- 8) As the days grow ever darker around us, how might God use signs and wonders (Mark 16:17-18) to touch the lives of lost people in our sphere of influence?
- 9) How can you pray boldly for healing in your own life in the week ahead? How can you pray boldly for others in the week ahead?

