

Knox Presbyterian Church Small Group Discussion Questions Better Together Week of October 16th

Get To Know Each Other

As always, spend some time checking in with the members of your group. Spend some time catching up and welcoming any new faces. You might share a high and a low of the last week.

Read Scripture

Take some time and read our Scriptures for today. They are: James 5:13-16, and Mark 2:1-12. Both of them relate to our discussion of praying for one another.

- What jumps out at you?
- What strikes you?
- What questions do you have?

Group Discussion Questions

Link to Sermon

- 1. Why do Christians pray for each other?
 - Why is it something important for us to do?
 - What example does Pastor Becca use from the healing of the paralyzed man in Mark 2 to explain why we pray?

- 2. How would you define prayer?
 - What are we doing when we pray for another Christian?
 - For what sorts of things can we, or should we, ask?
 - Becca defines 'the practice of prayer' as simply 'bringing people to Jesus.' Does this change how you think of prayer?
- **3.** Take a moment and think about times in your life when you have made it a point to pray about something.
 - What has been the fruit of that prayer?
 - How have you seen God work through your prayers?

Action

This week, we invite you to take two different steps.

- First, we invite you to pray for someone else. This may be someone in your small group, a friend or relative, or someone in the community. Share their name and pray for them persistently this week.
- Second, we invite you to allow yourself to be prayed for. (Sometimes this is harder than praying for someone else!) Share your prayer request and let the members of your group bring you to Jesus. Whichever you choose, keep your eyes open for the surprising and powerful ways Jesus will respond.

<u>Closing</u>

Pray together.