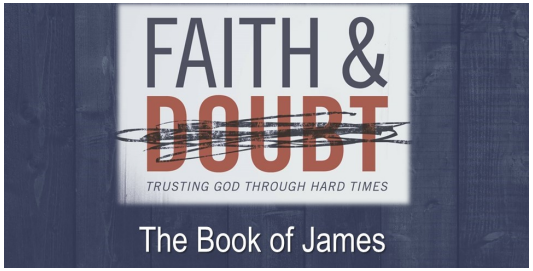

"Connection with God"

James 5:13-18

Week of August 9, 2020

I. Connection with God in All Things
What is the first situation that is described in James 5:13?

What is some of the trouble that is prevalent today?

What is the cause of our trouble on this earth?
Note Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23

What is the second situation described in James 5:13?

To whom do we sing songs of praise? Why do we do this?

What does Psalm 107:21-22 and Psalm 126:2-3 tell us?

II. Connection with God in Sickness
What is the situation described in James 5:14?

The word for sickness can also mean weakness. It is to be in need and hurting. What could this word encompass?

If someone is sick, what does James 5:14 tell us that the person should do?

Why are the sick to call the Elders of the church? For what purpose?

What were the uses and the value of oil in the New Testament?

Anointing with oil was often seen as a symbol of God's gracious action & presence, power & healing. What is the impact of anointing with oil then?

This prayer and anointing is "In the name of the Lord".
What does this communicate and emphasize? Why is this so important?

How does James 5:17-18 focus on the greatness of God's power?

Will God answer every prayer for healing? Why?

III. Connection with God in Forgiveness
What topic is brought up in the last part of James 5:15 and James 5:16?

Why is this such an important topic in our connection to others and to God?

Why do we need forgiveness to connect with God?
Note Ephesians 1:7 and 1 John 1:9

How does our sinfulness impact our relationship to others?

What makes asking for forgiveness so hard to do?

Why is it important for us to not just be forgiven but to forgive others?
What does Colossians 3:13 tell us?

How do you define forgiveness?

The word confess means to admit and acknowledge.
Why do we admit or acknowledge our sins to each other?

God forgives our sin. What roles does the community of faith have in this?