
10 Making Others Whole

James 5:12-20

Broken homes, shattered relationships, damaged emotions—we live in a fragmented and hurting society. As we see all the wounded people around us, we long to help, to offer a healing touch. James gives us very practical suggestions for helping people to become whole.

1. Why do you think our society is so fragmented?

2. Read James 5:12-20. How does verse 12 reinforce the themes the tongue (3:1-12) and of patience (4:9-11)?

3. Do you pray more when you are in trouble or when things are going well?

What balance does James suggest in verse 13?

4. In verses 14-16 James discusses physical and spiritual healing. What are the steps in this process?

5. How is physical healing connected with forgiveness of sins?

6. Would you call elders for anointing, prayer and confession? Why or why not?

7. How can we provide other opportunities for mutual confession and prayer (v. 16)?

8. How does Elijah illustrate the effectiveness of prayer (vv. 17-18)?

9. What different types of prayer are mentioned in verses 13-18?

10. What steps could you take to make one of these types of prayer more a part of your life?

11. According to verses 19-20, how, if at all, are we our brother's keeper?

12. Summarize what verses 13-20 teach us about how we can help people to become whole physically, emotionally or spiritually.

13. Ask God for grace in this ministry.