STRAIGHT TALK with JAMES

NOT JUST 911!

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-We are ALL KINDS of people DISCOVERING & FOLLOWING JESUS -

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That's the goal of the word of God: to cut across and overlap into our everyday lives. These questions will help us: **DISCUSS** God's word, **DECIDE** in faith how to respond to his truth, and **DO** in love what he has called us to do.

REWIND

• From last week's teaching and discussion: How did you follow through on what you decided to do in regard to responding to pain, problems etc.—especially when you see other bad people getting away with it and thriving?

Mark 9:19-24

Psalm 66:18 & Isaiah 59:2

DISCUSS

2 What do you remember from this past weekend's service? Anything in particular that you liked, disagreed with, didn't totally understand?

We talked about seeing God answer prayer. When have you experienced God answering prayer for you?

When have you prayed and God hasn't answered prayer for you?

DECIDE & DO

• How does prayer need to change for you? What did you learn from this weekend and from this study that if you applied it consistently would make a significant difference in your prayers to God?

<u>Prayer</u>

If we don't carve out time to pray, most of us will use prayer like a 911 call—only in really extreme circumstances. One of the best decisions you'll ever make is to intentionally make prayer part of your life on a consistent (not emergency!) basis.

Remember: If you haven't had the chance to put your DECISION into action, you'll have the chance to talk about it at next week's group during REWIND.

3 Take a look at the following verses and write down what they teach us about asking God for something in prayer.

Luke 18:1-8