

SVQ Guide Week 8
James 5:13-20, John 7:1-5, Acts 1:12-18
Scripture, Video, Questions (SVQ)

Session 1 SVQ

- Read James 5:13-20
- Video Teaching
- Leader Wisdom
- Questions
 - **LEADERS:** There's no pressure to get through all the questions, we suggest prayerfully planning your choices for your group. Your leadership of sharing and questioning will determine how deep your group goes with each question.
 - **Read *James 5:13-14*, Have you ever seen or experienced a miracle?**
 - **Which of the actions James describes in these verses do you need to do? How can your disciple group help you take your next step of faith right now?**
 - **How does James 5:13-18 emphasize the importance of prayer in various aspects of life, including times of suffering, joy, and sickness?** (James encourages believers to pray in all circumstances—whether they are suffering, cheerful, or sick—demonstrating the comprehensive nature of prayer as a means of connecting with God and seeking His intervention in every aspect of life.)
 - **What does James' instruction to "pray for each other" (James 5:16) reveal about the significance of community and mutual support in the Christian faith?** (James highlights the importance of communal prayer and mutual support among believers, underscoring the idea that we are not meant to journey alone in our faith. By praying for one another, we demonstrate our care, love, and unity as members of the body of Christ, lifting each other up in times of need and celebrating together in times of joy.)
 - **In what ways do the examples of Elijah's prayer life and its effectiveness (James 5:17-18) inspire and challenge us to deepen our own prayer lives and trust in God's power to work through our prayers?** (The example of Elijah's prayer life serves as a powerful reminder of the effectiveness of fervent and righteous prayer. It challenges us to deepen our own prayer lives by cultivating faith, persistence, and obedience in our prayers, trusting in God's power to bring about miracles and answer our petitions according to His will.)

Session 2 SVQ

- Read John 7:1-5
- Video Teaching
- Leader Wisdom
- Questions
 - **LEADERS:** There's no pressure to get through all the questions, we suggest prayerfully planning your choices for your group. Your leadership of sharing and questioning will determine how deep your group goes with each question.

- **Why did Jesus' brothers urge Him to go to Judea, and what does their suggestion reveal about their understanding of His mission?** (Jesus' brothers encouraged Him to go to Judea to attend the Feast of Booths, likely because they wanted Him to gain greater visibility and public recognition for His ministry. Their suggestion suggests that they may have viewed Jesus primarily through a worldly lens, hoping for Him to pursue fame and popularity rather than understanding the spiritual nature of His mission.)
- **How does Jesus' response to His brothers' suggestion demonstrate His obedience to the Father's timing and will?** (Jesus responds to His brothers by explaining that His time has not yet come, indicating His obedience to the Father's timing and divine plan. Despite the pressure from His family to act according to their agenda, Jesus remains steadfast in following the will of His Heavenly Father, demonstrating His complete submission and trust in God's sovereign guidance.)
- **What might we learn from Jesus' example about the importance of discerning and obeying God's timing in our own lives?** (Jesus' response underscores the significance of discerning and obeying God's timing in our lives. Just as Jesus waited for the appropriate moment ordained by the Father to reveal Himself publicly, we are called to seek God's guidance and timing in all aspects of our lives, trusting that His plans are perfect and His timing is always best.)
- **How can we avoid the temptation to prioritize worldly recognition and success over obedience to God's timing and will, as exemplified by Jesus' brothers?** (Jesus' brothers' encouragement to Him highlights the temptation to prioritize worldly recognition and success over obedience to God's timing and will. To avoid falling into a similar trap, we must cultivate a deep intimacy with God, aligning our desires and ambitions with His purposes. This requires humility, prayer, and a willingness to surrender our own agendas to God's sovereign will, trusting that His plans far surpass our own aspirations.)

Session 3 SVQ

- Read Acts 1:12-16
- Video Teaching
- Leader Wisdom
- Questions
 - **LEADERS:** There's no pressure to get through all the questions, we suggest prayerfully planning your choices for your group. Your leadership of sharing and questioning will determine how deep your group goes with each question.
 - **What significance does the location of the Upper Room hold in the context of Acts 1:12-16?** (The Upper Room served as the gathering place where Jesus had previously shared the Last Supper with His disciples and where they had experienced the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Its significance lies in its role as a sacred space where the disciples communed with Jesus and received

empowerment for their ministry, highlighting the continuity between Jesus' earthly ministry and the birth of the early church.)

- **Why do you think the disciples returned to Jerusalem and devoted themselves to prayer following Jesus' ascension?** (The disciples returned to Jerusalem and devoted themselves to prayer in obedience to Jesus' instructions (Acts 1:4). They recognized the importance of seeking God's guidance and empowerment through prayer as they awaited the fulfillment of Jesus' promise to send the Holy Spirit. Their unity and persistence in prayer reflected their dependence on God and their anticipation of the coming of the Spirit to empower them for ministry.)
- **What can we learn from the disciples' example of unity and prayer as they waited for the promised Holy Spirit?** (The disciples' example teaches us the importance of unity and prayer in the life of the church. As believers, we are called to gather together in unity, seeking God's guidance and empowerment through prayer. Like the disciples, we should cultivate a spirit of expectancy and reliance on the Holy Spirit, recognizing that He equips and empowers us for effective ministry and witness.)
- **In what ways does the response of Peter regarding the betrayal and death of Judas Iscariot demonstrate his understanding of Scripture and his role as a leader among the disciples?** (Peter's response reflects his knowledge of Scripture, as he cites passages from the Psalms to explain the fate of Judas Iscariot. His leadership is evident in his initiative to address the issue and propose a course of action, laying the groundwork for the selection of Matthias as a replacement apostle. This demonstrates Peter's readiness to fulfill his role as a leader and shepherd among the disciples, even in challenging circumstances.)