



Message Outline
Lord, Teach Us to Pray:
The Power of Prayer



Luke 9:28-31, James 5:13-18

Intro: Looking back at the Lord's Prayer...

Read: Luke 9:28-31

- As He was praying...
 - 1) P _____ Change (v.29a)
 - 2) P _____ Matters Changed (v.29b)
 - 3) P _____ Gained (v.31)
- MAIN POINT: _____

“Real prayer is life creating and life changing....To pray is to change. Prayer is the central avenue God uses to transform us.”
 -Richard Foster *Celebration* p.33

Read: James 5:13-18

- James, a brother of Jesus who goes from doubter to leader...
- v.13-14—Three prayerful scenarios...
 - Praise as prayer put to music...
 - Sickness prescription:
 - a) Enlist others
 - b) Pray
 - c) Anoint with oil
 -Ancient meds? (cf.Lk.10:34).
 - God is not last resort but the One we constantly look to...
- v.15—“prayer of faith”...verbs seem to point to a deeper cure (ie. save, raise, forgive)...
- v.16a—Taking seriously sin in sickness...
 - We are broken creatures who do broken things in a broken world...
- v.16b—Prayers power and effects...
 - Evaluating Effects of Prayer:
 - 1) H _____ (Acts 19:11-12)
 - 2) H _____ (2Cor. 12:8-9a)
 - 3) H _____ (2Cor.12:9b-10)
- v.17-18—Illustrating thru ordinary man...