

# CONNECT

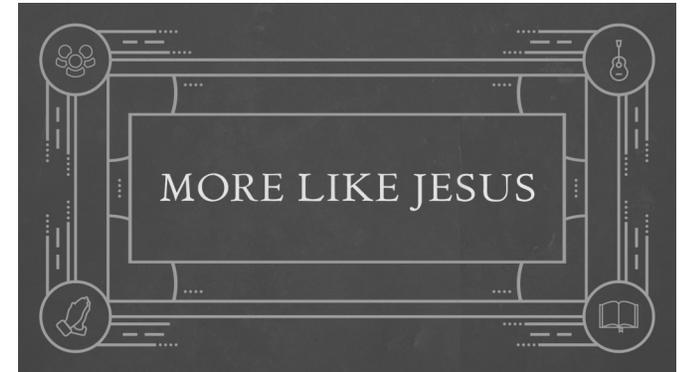
*...in worship*

**More Like Jesus—Pray Effectively**  
**James 5:13-16**



*Come, Meet, Grow, Serve*

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**MESSAGE TITLE:**  
**Pray Effectively**



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*...in Community*

## Meet

Your friend wasn't able to make it to church this week. He/She has asked you to summarize the message for him/her. What would you say?

## Grow

Which verses were shared during the message?

Were these verses new to you, or have you studied them before?

What did you find challenging or new in these verses when you applied them to your life?

## Serve

What was the one thing—the golden nugget—from the message that challenged you, changed you, caused you to really think about things, and/or made you want to take action right away?

What difference has it made, or do you think it will make, in your life and your relationship with God and others?

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*...in Word*

## Pray Effectively

When do you usually pray? How do you pray? Silently? On your knees? A certain prayer? Alone?

Read James 5:13-18.

Have you ever prayed over someone who was sick or had someone pray over you? What was the experience like?

Have you ever confessed your sins to other trusted believers and received prayer? In what way can that experience bring forgiveness, healing and new life?

How do these verses describe the prayer of someone who is right with God?

Who was Elijah? What did Elijah pray for? What were the results? Do you believe your prayers are as powerful as his? Why or why not?

What does 1 Thessalonians 5:17 say about prayer? What does it mean to you?

What do you think Jesus' prayer habits looked like? (See Mt. 14:23; Mk 1:35, Lk 9:18, Lk 22:39-41, Jn 11:41-42, Jn 12:27-30, Mt 26:26, Mk 8:6, Lk 24:30, Jn 6:11, Lk 6:12-13, Mk 7:34-35, Lk 5:16, and Mt 26:36-44)

What did Jesus teach about prayer? (See Mt 21:22, Mk 11:24-26, Mt 7:7-11, Lk 11:9-13, Jn 14:13-14, Jn 15:7, 16, Jn 16:23-24, Mt 5:44, Lk 6:27-28, Mt 6:5-15, Lk 11:2-4, and Mt 18:19-20)

How are you planning on stirring up your prayer life? How can your life group support you in this?

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