

**NOTE to Facilitator:**

Congratulations for stepping out and willing to facilitate discussion with your Middle School or Junior High Faith Club. The first tip is this. IT's EASY! All you have to do is read and follow this guideline below. Blessings and God Speed! One last tip. It's all about participation. Encourage everyone to share in the small groups. (Groups size can be anywhere from 4-8 kids in a group).

**Opening Prayer:****Topic: Praying and Living in Faith****Scripture Reading:**

James 5: <sup>13</sup>Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup>Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup>And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup>Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Name one or two of your most happiest moments in your life?
2. Why do you think living your faith out requires others? (people praying over you, confessing your sins to.)
3. Why is it important to pray in times of trouble?
4. How has joy found its way into your life since you became a Christian?

**Closing Prayer:**

God, you want us to be connected to others and you have given us others and to others to be an encouragement and source of your life. Help us to seek out the joy that is found in you. Help us to make amends with people we have wronged. Bring righteous people in our lives that will pray for us and support us when we may be down and let us be this for someone else. Thank you for the abundant life your desire for us.