



**Welcome:** What was the best and worst part of your past week?

**Worship:** Read *Psalms 51:1-10* and pray for a pure heart before the Word section.

**Word:** Read *James 1:1-18*

- Why do you think God allows us to experience difficult circumstances?
- What are two signs that we may be misinterpreting our circumstances? (i.e. despair or pride). Are any of those signs present in your life?
- What circumstances in your life do you need to ask God to interpret for you?
- Have you ever misjudged someone else's circumstances? What are some of the consequences of misinterpreting another believer's circumstances?

Read *Romans 12:1-2*

- If our ability to discern the will of God is directly tied to our surrender, what area of your life is not fully surrendered to God?
- Why do you think that James and Jesus (see *Matthew 19:16-24*) had/has such stern words for the affluent?

**Witness:** Email/text one person you know that is disconnected from God to simply encourage them and/or remind them why you love them.

**Looking Ahead:** Read *James 1:19-2:13*.