

WARM-UP: Together

1. What is a favorite gift you have received?
2. If you had to be a fruit, which would it be?

WORD: Truth

Leader: Questions below should allow for quick responses, evident by close reading of the text. Choose to use some or all of them (pending pace), as reading of the passage(s) will answer them as well.

- **Sermon Recap (if helpful):** Pastor Tyler invited us to lean into being a generous people and guided us in looking closely at four indictments James delivers. Those four are to **Hoard**, commit **Fraud**, to give into **Self Indulgence** and **to Take Life**. Money is a great tool but a terrifying master. Tyler helps us look at fraud in the ways we promise to commit and fall short of fulfilling those promises. It has been said that we are what we love and we are what we want. Tyler shared how we can think of murdering as taking other's opportunities away. When we have and keep others intentionally or not from having themselves. May we be those whose aim in life is to give life and give Jesus away and to war against the cultural aim of accumulating things.

Read James 5:1-6

If helpful read in two chunks (vv 1-3, 4-6). Questions follow this breakdown.

Read vv 1-3

- a. What is the posture James is imploring the reader and hearer to have?
- b. What is happening to the riches and clothing in this section? Why is he using this imagery?

Read vv 4-6

- c. What reaches the ears of God?
- d. What is James calling out in these verses?

Further Study:

Read and consider the story of the Rich Young Ruler (Matthew 19:16-22; Mark 10:17-27).

APPLICATION: Equip ("Way")

1. Which of the four indictments found in this passage is of greatest struggle? (hoard, fraud, self indulgence and to take life) What steps can you take to walk against this?
2. Consider those who you have made promises to. What can you do to hold fast to that commitment?

PRAYER Empower (“Life” in the Spirit)

1. Do you have a specific prayer request?
2. Pray for generosity in the specific area you want to grow in.
3. How can we support you in combating the indictment you want to battle?

COMMUNION Together

Lead your group in communion in a way that feels right.

- If needed, 1 Corinthians 11:23-27
 - **23** ...that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, **24** and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” **25** In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” **26** For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS at ASC:

1. Have you been baptized? If that is your next step in repentance and faith, **let us know.**
2. **Share testimony of how God is moving in your life/your group in this season? HERE**
3. **How can we come alongside you in more specific ways as a church? Let us know.**
4. **All-Church Prayer Call on Wednesday's from 1230-1pm each week.**
1-253-215-8782, 86546382360#
5. Next Week, Please **INVITE A FRIEND** to **join us online or at your group** for our current series Practically Disciples The Book of James. Share with your **social media** communities, engage our channels during the gathering to help others do so as well
6. **Sign up for ASC Newsletter Weekly Updates HERE.**