

Practically Disciples: The Letter of James | Wk 3 | 8/16/2020

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WARM-UP: Engage (“Together”)

1. Is there something you have been spending extra time on during this Covid season?
2. If you could be a fruit what would you be and why?

WORD: Establish (“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 looked at how tempting this moment is in our world. He explored what the nature of temptation is, and where it coming from as described in James 1:13-18. He asked us to consider how we blame God, others, our world, our moment, ect. for an issue that germinates from within us. He explored what happens when our desire gives birth to sin, when fully formed brings death. Instead God invites us to find hope in the “word of truth” that works through us in a way even more powerful than temptation. The result is incredible fruit of resurrection in those broken spaces within us and in the lives and world around us. There is healing for all involved, if we join with God’s transformation of all things.

If helpful read in two chunks (vv 13-15, 16-18). Questions follow this breakdown.

Read vv 13-15

- a. Who does not tempt? v13
- b. Where does temptation come from according to James? v14
- c. What happens when one gives into temptation, and what is it’s end? v15

Read vv 16-18

- d. Where do good gifts come from? v17
- e. What does God use to make His first fruits? v18

APPLICATION: Equip (“Way”)

1. Where are you blaming others, God, the devil, ect for temptation and sin? Consider where James says it is from and how God wants to help you.
2. How can the “word of truth” be applied to your life, particularly in times of temptation?

PRAYER Empower (“Life” in the Spirit)

1. Is there a recurring temptation you have been battling that you would like prayer for?
2. Do you have a specific prayer request?
3. Pray for deeper revelation of God, who is consistently the One who gives good gifts.

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. **All church prayer call on Wednesday's from 1230-1pm each week.** 1-253-215-8782, 86546382360#
2. Next Week, Please **INVITE A FRIEND** to join us online for week 4 of our new 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
3. If you haven't yet, **Sign up for ASC Newsletter Weekly Updates [HERE](#)**. We want you to not miss any updates about upcoming plans for in-person possibilities of gathering as health permits, and all that is going on at our church.
4. Finally, if you are processing these reflection questions individually and aren't yet in an **ASC Small Group, we'd love to help you connect with a group to go deeper in Jesus**. You can do so by going to aseattlechurch.com/groups or emailing Candace + Aaron at groups@aseattlechurch.com.