

WARM-UP: Together

1. Who would you have dinner with (dead or alive, and you don't have to worry about Covid)?
2. Do you prefer adventurous vacations or relaxing ones?

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 Brady led us in to deep exploration of the contrast James makes between Godly and earthly wisdoms. He noted how earthly wisdom leads to jealousy and selfish ambition. Heavenly wisdom leads to a new perspective in an active way by living as non anxious, impartial, saying what is true, peaceful agent. James invites to not living fixated on wisdom or knowledge of God alone or activism in good works alone, but to marry the two. To journey living deeply rooted in the wisdom, studying the Word of God and putting on the mind of Christ and with our affection drawn up from this place into action. Affection is revealed in action. Pastor Brady concludes by inviting us to take an inventory of our life. Where are you operating in the wisdom of God; pure, peaceable, open to reason, impartial and sincere? Celebrate this! Then take an inventory of where your life is not driven by earthly wisdom. Where there is jealousy and selfish ambition. When those places of earthly wisdom are brought up, it is about refinement, not shame; about growth, not condemnation. Take time and ask God for wisdom. When we live in the wisdom of God we are agents who perpetuate peace and wisdom to those around us.

Read James 3:13-18

If helpful read in two chunks (vv 13-16, 17-18). Questions follow this breakdown.

Read vv 13-16

- a. What are the good ways of conducting oneself?
- b. What is the fruit that earthly wisdom produces?

Read vv 17-18

- c. What is the fruit that Godly wisdom produces?
- d. What is this harvest of righteousness?

- **Concept/Passage for Deeper Study:** Read Genesis 3 and see how the two sins James identifies are manifested in the lives of people from the beginning. Read Colossians 2:8: and consider what forces may be tempting us still today to live by earthly wisdom. Read Proverbs 14:12 to see the consequence of living in this way. Go back to James 1:5 to find out how you can get wisdom that is heavenly from God. Consider where you would find yourself in these passages.

APPLICATION: Equip (“Way”)

1. Take an inventory of your life where are you operating in the wisdom of God; pure, peaceable, open to reason, impartial and sincere? Celebrate this!
2. Take an inventory of where your life is lived out of earthly wisdom. Pray for understanding, insight and allow God’s refinement work to take place. Not shame or condemnation but the good and hard work of refinement.

PRAYER Empower (“Life” in the Spirit)

1. Do you have a specific prayer request?
2. Where can we celebrate living with wisdom from above?
3. Where do you need prayer for refinement?

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. Share testimony of how God is moving in your life/your group in this season? [HERE](#)
2. How can we come alongside you in more specific ways as a church? [Let us know.](#)
3. All-Church Prayer Call on Wednesday’s from 1230-1pm each week.
1-253-215-8782, 86546382360#
4. Next Week, Please **INVITE A FRIEND** to **join us online or at your group** for week 9 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
5. Sign up for ASC Newsletter Weekly Updates [HERE](#).
6. 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.