

WARM-UP: Together

1. Who is one of your favorite band or music artist?
2. What have you found to help you relax during covid time?

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 led us to consider James' invitation to repentance. How the Church and our own hearts are filled with quarreling and strive. James tells us that these come from the insatiable pursuit of the desires that rage within us. Tyler asked us to look closely of the consequence of living in this way, as many of us do each day. These include James 4:1-2 identifying 4 **sources** of the war within: 1) objectification, 2) envy, 3) invulnerability, and 4) greed. The result is James 4:3-6 showing us 2 **symptoms** of 1) Projection and 2) Pride. Finally, James 4:7-10 reveals that the **solution** is Repentance. James reveals so many ways we can pursue repentance through humbling ourselves, resisting the devil, mourning, grieving, etc. How is God calling you to repentance? The invitation is to be baptized into a new way by turning from living for your pleasure and the destruction of your relationships, towards Christ transformation.

Read James 4:1-12:

If helpful read in four chunks (vv 1-3, 4-6, 7-10, 11-12). Questions follow this breakdown.

Read vv 1-3

- a. What causes quarrelling and fighting?

Read vv 4-6

- b. What is the line in the sand that James is drawing? What are the two camps?

Read vv 7-10

- c. What are the active steps we can take? Which one resonates with you most?

Read vv 11-12

- d. What are we to do (or not do) and who is God in the equation?

- **Concept/Passage for Deeper Study:** Read Matthew 3:1-11 and consider how seriously John the Baptist declares that repentance "prepares the way" and "makes straight the path" of Christ in our lives. Ask if you are like "the brood of vipers" who have refused to "produce fruit by keeping with repentance" (3:8). Are you pursuing the "hedone" (James 4:1) life of insatiable desire to the expense of our world and your relationships seeing Jesus?

APPLICATION: Equip (“Way”)

1. How is God calling you to repentance?

PRAYER Empower (“Life” in the Spirit)

1. Spend time repenting in your group during prayer time.
2. Do you have a specific prayer request?
3. How can we pray for you as you begin the journey or aligning yourself to God through repentance?

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. **Pastor Tyler and his wife Kim are leading a Prayer Ministry Cohort Starting October 8th.** Consider joining them in learning more about practicing healing, priestly, and listening prayer, etc. You can do so by emailing Tyler at tyler@aseattlechurch.com
2. Have you been baptized? If that is your next step in repentance and faith, [let us know](#).
3. **Share testimony of how God is moving in your life/your group in this season?** [HERE](#)
4. **How can we come alongside you in more specific ways as a church?** [Let us know](#).
5. **All-Church Prayer Call on Wednesday's from 1230-1pm each week.**
1-253-215-8782, 86546382360#
6. Next Week, Please **INVITE A FRIEND** to **join us online or at your group** for week 10 of 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
7. **Sign up for ASC Newsletter Weekly Updates** [HERE](#).

8. 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.