

WARM-UP: Together

1. Where have you had to trust someone other than yourself for something, what happened?
2. If you could have any animal as a pet what would it be and why? (it wouldn't hurt you, would be well trained and PETA would not get you in trouble)

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 Brad Barshaw invited us to look closely at James 2:14-26. To consider how we can join God's transformation of all things by living out our faith. The world is changed by people trusting God in radical ways with their actual lives. It's easy to believe in God as the demons do. Instead, we are called to live out our faith as being witnessed as those in live with it in our world. To do so requires us having an authentic, life-giving trust in God. It calls us to grow in wisdom, faith, and character and to be people who channel faith through sharing grace and truth with others. Brad showed us how James calls us to be like Abraham, Rahab, and others who trusted God when it was hardest to do so. May we do the same that the world may "see our good deeds, and give glory to God in heaven."(Matthew 5:16).

Read James 2:14-26

If helpful read in two chunks (vv 14-17, 18-26). Questions follow this breakdown.

Read vv 14-17

- a. What is the relationship between faith and works for a disciple of Jesus?

Read 18-26

- b. Why does faith and works necessitate each other?
- c. What are examples given or otherwise where faith and works are put on display?

- **Concept/Passage for Deeper Study:** Read Genesis 22 + Hebrews 11:17-19 and look at how Abraham's faith was demonstrated in works of trust. Ask where God is asking you to trust in the same way. Matthew 14:22-33 to see God's power is sufficient in impossible. Also, read Rahab's story in Joshua 2 and consider how she showed "faith of an outsider". Look at Matthew 5:16 and see the impact that such good works can have on neighbors.

APPLICATION: Equip ("Way")

1. Is there something you know God wants you to trust you with but there have been barriers?

2. Where in your life is your faith not being put into action?
3. From what we read in James, what is challenging you to live a different life? How can you start living into that?

PRAYER Empower (“Life” in the Spirit)

1. Do you have a specific prayer request?
2. Can we pray for a place where God is asking you to trust him in faith and there are barriers?

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 6 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](#)**.
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.