

## WARM-UP: Engage (“Together”)

1. Remember a time you felt lost in a new world or city?
2. If you could be fluent in an additional language what would it be?

## 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):** In the opening message of our new series on the Book of James, Guest Dr. David Nienhuis gave us a backdrop for our journey ahead. He challenged us to consider what it means for us and those in James’ times to live faithfully as “strangers in a strange land.” How to be people who are not just “informed” about our faith but “transformed” by it. To be a church who doesn’t just receive “salvation” but lives out our “vocation” to be different in the world. To understand how this letter is addressed to us today, and how God desires to give us the power to embrace our difference to live differently than our world. To be a “peculiar people” spread throughout this diaspora moment in the world. To wonder what that might look like in each of our particular stories and in the story we are telling together as saints at A Seattle Church.
- **Read James 1:1**
  - a. Who is writing this letter?
  - b. Who is this letter addressed to?

## APPLICATION: Equip (“Way”)

1. Do you feel like this letter is addressed to you?
2. What would American Christianity be if we all thought of ourselves collectively as resident aliens, as a minority group, having different values, habits, practices and hopes than the majority culture?
3. Do you feel your calling in God is your vocation?

## PRAYER Empower (“Life” in the Spirit)

1. How can we pray for you?

## 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 2 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](http://aseattlechurch.com/groups) or emailing Candace + Aaron at [groups@aseattlechurch.com](mailto:groups@aseattlechurch.com).