

## Practically Disciples: The Letter of James | Wk 7 | 9/13/2020

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### WARM-UP: Together

1. Who was/ is your hero (growing up)?
2. Can you think of something that may seem small to others but is significant or impactful for you?

### 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):** Kevin invited us to consider the weight of our words in James 3:1-12. Regardless of where we are in our faith, our words are a tool given by God that we can use to build up or tear down. In this passage James presents us with three things which are our word power, responsibility, and transformation. Our words, if carelessly used, can have the power not only to harm the hearer but can corrupt us personally. As followers of Christ, we have the responsibility to examine the outflow of our hearts which dictates the output of our words. However, God provides us to the seeds to plant in our hearts, through Christ, to see our hearts and words transformed to serve their intended purpose of bringing life to our communities.

#### **Read James 3:1-12**

If helpful read in four chunks (vv 1-2, 3-5, 6-9, 10-12). Questions follow this breakdown.

Read vv 1-2

- a. What is the characteristic of a perfect person?

Read vv 3-5

- b. What is an example of a small thing being powerful?

Read vv 6-9

- c. Why is the tongue so difficult to tame?
- d. What harm can come from the tongue?

Read vv 10-12

- e. What is James urging the reader to?

- **Concept/Passage for Deeper Study:** Read Genesis 1:26,27 and 1 John 4:20 to reflect on the terms “imago dei” and “brother” that God uses to describe humanity. How might this change how you engage others who are different from you?

## **APPLICATION: Equip (“Way”)**

1. How are we to become this spring of fresh water with all that was described by James?
2. What are the seeds you are planting or letting to be planted in your life and mind?

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

1. Do you have a specific prayer request?
2. What scenarios are there that you find yourself being a negative influence with your language, can we pray for you in those spaces?

## **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.**  
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4. Next Week, Please **INVITE A FRIEND** to **join us online or at your group** for week 8 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](http://aseattlechurch.com/groups) or emailing Candace + Aaron at [groups@aseattlechurch.com](mailto:groups@aseattlechurch.com).