

## **Discussion Guide Questions**

### **James 1:1-18**

### **1/17/21 sermon**

#### **Open (something fun/engaging to get everyone sharing)**

- Tell us about a time you've been on a boat, and have you ever been seasick?

#### **Observation (What do we learn from this passage?)**

- Many of us are using the James: Faith that Works journal as a resource for our daily devotions. Was there anything from your James journal that you'd like to share from this week's passage?
- So let's recap on who James is, who he's writing to, and why he's writing. Who can get us started?
- What process do you see in verses 2-4? In verses 14-15? Why do you think James focuses on process so much?
- Do you see any themes in these first 18 verses, anything loosely connecting them together?



#### **Application (How are we to live in light of this passage?)**

- What would it look like, in the moment that you recognize a trial coming your way, to pause and reorient yourself to God's purposes in it? What would you pray or do?
- Is asking God for wisdom a regular prayer of yours? Why or why not? How might we train ourselves to ask God for wisdom more often?
- What are some ways that wealth, in any moment, affects the way we view ourselves? Take the specific example of the upcoming stimulus payments . . . how do we think Christianly about unexpected money coming their way?
- Can you relate in your own life to the process of temptation James describes? What kind of prayer or work do we need to do when we become aware of the luring or enticing of our desires toward sinful things?
- What is one practical truth that you would like to apply to your life? And what does obedience to that truth look like this week?

**(Kneel in) Prayer – (What can we ask our Father, giver of good gifts?)**

- What does this passage spur us to pray for?
- What individual needs can we pray for one another until we are together again?