



BOOK OF JAMES

IDEAS TO GET YOU STARTED

The book of James was written by Jesus' half-brother. (Imagine growing up with Jesus as your sibling!) It is a short book, full of practical wisdom for followers of Christ. The book is challenging, conveying a call for sober character assessment by how your faith is reflected, and with whom or where your trust ultimately lies.

Getting started:

- Read the entire book of James.
- Portray in your medium of choice: symbol(s), imagery, examples, visual or written that align with the book of James.

Use the reflection questions below to guide your imagination and creative response:

- What does the book of James reveal about what it means to follow Jesus, i.e., how we treat one another, how we speak to one another?
- What might James say to us today about how we relate to the people and culture around us?
- How does James, the half-brother of Jesus, personally challenge you to live?
- What word pictures do you see when you read James?
- What metaphors are in James? For instance, "The tongue also is a fire," (James 3:6).
- What paradoxes are in James? For instance, the tension and connection between faith and deeds.
- What is the greatest challenge or barrier in your life that prevents you from living as James describes?
- Create a portrait of who you see living today as an example of wholeness and integrity, and show the ways they're doing this.

These are just ideas!