



11 -WEEK STUDY IN THE BOOK OF JAMES

WEEK 7

“Wisdom”

James 3:13-18

WEEKLY READING

Primary text from this week: James 3:13-18

Secondary text from this week: Romans 12:18, Proverbs 9:10

GETTING STARTED

Goals for this session: To correctly understand what wisdom is, and where it comes from

Missed the sermon? Watch it at www.youtube.com/venturamissionary

Break the Ice: What was your best subject in school?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Who is the wisest person you know (or have known)? Why? How have they shown their wisdom?
2. How would you define the difference between knowledge and wisdom?
3. Pastor Doug said that "wisdom without action isn't really wisdom." Do you agree with that statement? Why or why not? How does **James 3:13** support Pastor Doug's statement?
4. James describes two things that are not part of Godly wisdom in **James 3:14**. What are they and why do you think they are not compatible with wisdom?
5. One of the issues that James confronts in his letter is the discord and disunity that was prevalent in the early church. What are some ways that Godly wisdom might reduce fighting and quarrelling?
6. Read the "ingredients of wisdom" listed in **verse 17**. Which one is most surprising? Which one is most challenging for you?
7. Pastor Doug said that "wisdom is developed, not downloaded." Do you agree with that? How could this be true if **James 1:5** tells us God will give us wisdom if we ask for it?
8. What was one thing we haven't discussed that resonated with you as you listened to Pastor Doug's message?

PRAY

Pray for each other: Pray that each member of the group would experience God's mercy in a new way this week.

Pray on your own: Pray that God would increase your wisdom by revealing Himself more and more to you.

ACTION STEPS

Go to **venturamissionary.com** and take advantage of the daily and weekly resources.

1. Identify a wise follower of Jesus in your life.
2. Ask them if they would prayerfully consider spending time with you on a weekly basis to talk and pray together.

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