

LifeGroup Meeting

Faith/Works 6
“What’s Your Wisdom?”

Get To Know You Question:

Who is the wisest person you know or have known? Why was that person wise?

Let’s Dig Deeper

1. Someone read all of **James 3:13-18**. Spend some time and share some key words that spoke out to you while reading. What is it about those words that spoke to you? Try to find something that you didn’t see last time you read this.
2. From the sermon, and according to the Old Testament, what is wisdom and understanding? (Job 28:28)
 - The bible claims that fearing the Lord means to put your faith and trust in God. God calls that the beginning of wisdom. Why?
 - In Psalms 111:10, it states we are to practice wisdom. Why is that so important to our faith?
3. Someone read **James 3:13**.
 - Why do you think meekness is a part of wisdom?
 - According to this verse, how does someone demonstrate wisdom and understanding?
 - How would others know if you are wise since wisdom is an invisible character quality?
4. Read **James 3:14-16**.
 - What are some of the key tenets of worldly wisdom?
 - Where does worldly wisdom lead? (Verse 16) Give an example of this.

- How can there be two different sets of wisdom (earthly and heavenly)? Can there be two almost opposite courses of action that are both wise? If not, what is it?
- What kind of bitter jealousy or selfish ambition do you tend to hold in your heart? What things do you find really difficult to let go?
- What damage can bitter jealousy and selfish ambition do to you?
- In the following, do you have somewhat, a little, or none at all, bitter jealousy or selfish ambition toward:
 - i. People with more money than me
 - ii. Smart people with more education
 - iii. People with a more loving family
 - iv. People with a nice place to live
 - v. Good health
 - vi. Strength, athletic skill
 - vii. Good voice or speech
 - viii. Rewarding career
 - ix. Musical talent
 - x. Is there something else.....
- What are some things in our society where you see earthly, unspiritual, and demonic wisdom put on display?

5. Someone read **James 3:17-18**.

- What are some of the key tenets of heavenly wisdom? Which of these are you more inclined to do, and which ones do you struggle with?
- In what way does verse 17 portray the characteristics of wisdom when it looks like it could just be a list of Christian virtues?
- What life experiences increases our wisdom?
- Why do you think James spent more time talking about worldly wisdom than heavenly wisdom?
- What is one thing that you will do as a result of studying this passage?

6. Someone close out in prayer.