

Making Decisions

GET TALKING

• Tell us about a time when you needed God's wisdom.

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5 If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. 6 But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. 7 That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. 8 Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do. **JAMES 1:5-8**

DISCOVER AND DISCUSS THE LIFE HACK

BE SINGLE MINDED

5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; 6 in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. **PROVERBS 3:5-6**

- Is there a difference between looking to make a good decision or a wise decision?
- Why is being single minded essential to making wise decisions? Read James 1:6-8. How do we pursue God to find wisdom?
- Why is faith essential as we turn to God for wisdom?

LOOK AT YOUR LIFE

13 Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. **JAMES 3:13**

- Tell us about someone in your life who is wise and understanding.
- How do our lives show the quality of our decisions?
- How can we show our good lives and remain humble at the same time?

CONDITION OF YOUR HEART

15 Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. 16 For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. **JAMES 3:15-16**

- In your own words, describe earthly wisdom?
- When are you tempted to listen to the world's wisdom rather than God's?

QUALITY OF YOUR ACTIONS

17 But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. 18 Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness. **JAMES 3:17-18**

- What is the end result of true wisdom? How does wisdom bring peace and make us peacekeepers?
- How can this group help you to pursue and walk in wisdom?

PRAYER AND ENCOURAGMENT