



Life Group Discussion Guide
Faith in Practice

How does faith work when applying wisdom? - James 3:13-18

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Main thought:

Wisdom from God will lead to greater peace, unity, and care for others. It is our responsibility to share this Heavenly wisdom with each other and the next generation.

1. Wisdom is proven through **action**.
 - Meekness by **necessity**.
 - Meekness by **choice**.

2. Wisdom from **below**
 - **Earthly** – human nature
 - **Unspiritual** – short-sighted and temporary
 - **Demonic** – seeking undue power

3. Wisdom from **above**
 - **Pure** – having the right motive
 - **Peace**-loving – seeking reconciliation
 - **Considerate** – putting others first
 - **Submissive** – open to reason
 - **Mercy** and good **fruit** – reflecting God's virtues
 - **Impartial** and sincere – trustworthy

Application

- Wisdom is **learned**, but stupidity is **contagious**.
- Wisdom is not just **being** right, but **doing** right.
- Wisdom is **taught**, not **inherited**.

Ice-Breaker

- What is a phrase or saying that has meant a lot to you over the years?

Verse of the week

- What is a verse or truth from God's Word that has stood out to you this week from your own personal Bible reading?



Digging In

Read James 3:13-18, and discuss the following questions.

- What stood out to you from the message on Sunday?
- Why does James tell the reader to “show” their wisdom through good deeds and humility? How is wisdom different when it is never put into action?
- What is the difference between an earthly “wisdom” and heavenly wisdom? Share examples of such wisdom that you have seen personally.
- Read James 3:17. Name one of the six areas listed you need to work on the most (pure motives, peace-loving, considerate, submissive/open to reason, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere).

Application

- What “sources of wisdom” do you draw from? (e.g. specific podcasts, authors, speakers, shows, etc.) Do these sources reflect more of the heavenly wisdom or the earthly wisdom?
- What are you doing to impart wisdom upon the next generation right now? Is there a ministry or other opportunity you can serve in where you can share Godly wisdom with others?

As a group pray as you consider the following:

- Examine whether the fruits of your actions reflect a heavenly or earthly wisdom.
- Seek God’s wisdom in your life, actions, and ministry opportunities.