



CONVERSATION STARTER

What have you been reading in God's Word lately? What is God showing you?

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NOTE: This would be a good time to reflect on how group members are doing in their memorization of James 1 if you've accepted the challenge together.

Read James 3:13-18

Demonic Wisdom

1. James describes bitter jealousy as a fruit of following after demonic, earthly, and unspiritual wisdom. What areas of your life often tend to bring about bitter jealousy? Why is that?
2. What would it look like, in practical terms, for you to follow godly wisdom in those areas?
3. James also describes selfish ambition as a fruit of following after demonic, earthly, and unspiritual wisdom. What areas of your life do you tend to chase after selfish ambition? How does that create disorder within you, personally?
4. What would it look like, in practical terms, for you to follow godly wisdom in those areas?

Godly Wisdom

5. James lists several characteristics of godly wisdom. Which of these characteristics do you think you're stronger in? Which are you weaker in? How so? What do you notice in each other?
 - Pure
 - Peaceable
 - Gentle
 - Open to reason
 - Full of mercy
 - Full of good fruits
 - Impartial
 - Sincere

6. Pastor Josh explained how following godly wisdom isn't only thinking about our life on earth, but about our life that is to come. How often do you—while living on earth—set your mind on our glorified life in heaven?

7. Who in your life—other than Jesus—has set a good example for you in following godly wisdom?

Wrap Up

8. How does the gospel give us hope as we discuss our shortcomings in this area?

9. What else from the sermon lingered with you this week? What questions or thoughts did it stir up?

NOTES

GROUP PRAYER

Pray for each other and the ways you fall short of the glory of God in your pursuit of godly wisdom. Ask God to show his grace in each group members' lives and redirect hearts toward his good, right, and true wisdom. Thank Jesus for setting the ultimate example for us to follow, and for dying for every time we've followed after wisdom that isn't from above.