

Sermon: Seeking Wisdom From Above
Series: *James: Real Wisdom Real Faith*

Scripture: James 3:13-18
Date: February 13, 2022

OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1. What does this passage teach us about God?

a) What does James' description of "wisdom from above" teach us about the character of God?

2. What does this passage teach us about us?

a) How would you define wisdom? Are you growing in wisdom? Explain your answer.

b) Where can you see "bitter jealousy," or "selfish ambition" creeping up in your life this past week? (Hint: maybe identify any "disorder" and work your way backwards)

3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

a) James describes God's wisdom as pure, peaceable, gentle, reasonable, merciful, impartial, and sincere. In what ways do these words describe the life of Jesus and the work of Jesus for us on the cross?

b) What's the difference between God's wisdom being a person (Jesus) and being something that we have to figure out on our own.

APPLICATION

a) Pastor Mark said that we can get wisdom in two ways: 1) Through trials and suffering (1:2-5), and 2) By looking up to Christ who has come down for us. In what specific way is God using these two things to increase you in "the meekness of wisdom."

b) Is there a conflict/circumstance in your life where you need to trust God's wisdom and "sow in peace" in order to "reap a harvest of righteousness?"

FIGHTER VERSES: James 3:13-18.

PRAYER

- Praise God for his wisdom that he gives impartially and liberally.
- Confess ways that you have been jealous and selfish.
- Thank Jesus for his perfect wisdom and for being our perfect wisdom.
- Ask God to help you to sow in peace this week.