



SMALL GROUP CURRICULUM

FOR THE SERMON PREACHED: June 18, 2017

PASSAGE: James 3:13-18

Faith Changes Everything

In this week's study we want to deal with three questions.

1. What is wisdom?
2. How do we get wisdom?
3. What is wisdom's connection to faith?

1. What is wisdom according to James 3:17?

Note: Wisdom is the ability for a believer to apply with skill what one knows about God and His ways.

a. Read: Proverbs 1:7 Where does wisdom begin? How will you begin with this type of wisdom daily?

Note: Fear is defined as reverential fear of God and if your translation of Proverbs 1:7 says knowledge, this is another meaning for wisdom in this context.

b. What are those called without this wisdom? Give proof from Proverbs. What are some red flags to help us recognize where we are acting without wisdom?

Note: Proverbs, Job, Psalms, Ecclesiastes and Song of Solomon are often referred to as the wisdom books.

2. How does a believer get Godly wisdom according to Psalm 119:97-104? Make note of all the references to God's word including synonyms.

a. Make a list of the benefits of knowing God's Word.

b. What actions does the Psalmist take to apply that knowledge?

c. How does one grow in the wisdom of God and develop a Christian worldview and learn to think and act biblically?

3. What is Wisdom's connection to faith according to 1Corinthians 1:24 and 30 and 2:7-16?

a. How is Jesus described and 1Corinthians 1:24 and 30?

b. According to 1Corinthians 2:7-16 how do we become wise? How should this affect our witness to unbelievers? How should this affect our preparation for SG as we look to study the Word?

d. Read: Romans 12:2. How do we renew our mind? How does this renewing help you test things in order to discern the will of God? Who are the top 3 people you seek counsel from when you have a problem and how can you be sure you are receiving godly wisdom from them?

Memory verse: proverbs 1:7