



INTRODUCTION

Wisdom seems elusive in our daily lives. Yet, God offers wisdom freely.

INSTRUCTIONS

This guide is meant to facilitate discussion which will lead to a response to God's word. Therefore, please use it as a tool that best fits the needs of your small group.

OPENING DISCUSSION

- What was your biggest take-away from the sermon?

REVIEW

- Have someone read **James 3:13-18**.
- What's the difference between knowing facts and possessing wisdom? What does this tell us about the nature of true wisdom?
- What does it mean to show works "in the meekness of wisdom"? What is the opposite of meek wisdom?
- What do jealousy and selfish ambition lead to? Why?
- What does true wisdom lead to? Why?

APPLICATION

- Where might we struggle with bitter jealousy and selfish ambition?
- What places or areas of your life seem to be in disorder? Are you prone to relying on worldly wisdom in these same areas?
- What godly qualities root out and replace jealousy and sinful ambition?
- Are you prone to turning to things other than God's Word for wisdom? If so, please share and pray for one another?
- Which characteristics of true wisdom (v. 17) are hardest for you to live out by good conduct?
- Take time to encourage others by answering the following:
 - Is there someone in the church that you consider wise? If so, please send that person a quick note of encouragement via text, email, phone call, or letter.
 - Is there someone in your group that you think especially displays godly wisdom according to vv. 17-18? If so, please tell that person what you see in them.

PRAYER (divide the group based on gender if desired)

- Is there any sin you should confess in light of this passage?
- Are there any other prayer needs?