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SUMMER 2026

WEDNESDAYS | 7PM

Lessons From James Wednesday Night Bible Study

Worldly vs Godly Wisdom

Scripture Focus: James 3: 13-18

Part 1 (James 3:13)

Case Study



The Pharisee and the Tax collector

(Luke 18: 9-14)

- Which man appeared wise?
- Which one actually demonstrated humility?
- How does humility reveal wisdom?

Part 2 (James 3:14-16)

Group Discussion

- Which characteristics of worldly wisdom (jealousy, selfish ambition, boasting) are you most susceptible to showing?
- How can we intentionally pursue the qualities of Godly wisdom instead?

Part 2 Activity – "Worldly or Heavenly?"

Read each statement. Choose two (2) and give it a designation. Share why you chose to designate it the way you did and find a scripture to support your answer.

Designate each statement as: W = Worldly Wisdom A = Wisdom From Above

"I deserve recognition." ____ Why? _____

Scripture support: _____

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"I'll forgive even if they never apologize." ____ Why? _____

Scripture support: _____

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"I'll listen before speaking." Why? _____

Scripture support: _____

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"They don't deserve mercy." ____ Why? _____

Scripture support: _____

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"I'll admit when I'm wrong." Why? _____

Scripture support: _____

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"I'll only help if it benefits me." ____ Why? _____

Scripture support: _____

Personal Reflection Questions

- Where am I tempted to compare myself to others:
- When have I wanted recognition more than faithfulness:
- Have I ever defended my pride by calling it “wisdom”?

Part 3 (James 3:17-18)

Read the following scriptures:

Isaiah 9:6; 2 John 3:3; 1 Thessalonians 5:23

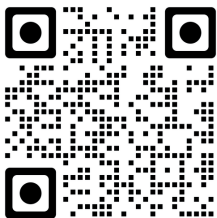
- What common thread do these scriptures suggest about peace?
- How can we be peacemakers in our families, church, or workplace, and what kind of “harvest” do you think God produces when we consistently choose peace?

Challenge to sow peace

Write one action this week that will sow peace. Be specific about to whom/where/how you will sow peace. (Matt. 5:5) Examples: Apologize, Forgive, Encourage someone, Refuse gossip, Pray before responding, Listen more, Reconcile a relationship

Homework Assignment

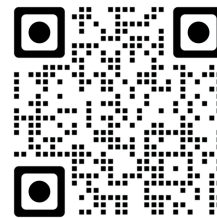
READ James 4:1-10



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