

Bible Summary

James 3:13-18

Who is Wise?

James comes back to the subject of living wisely from Chapter One. He compares and contrasts a foolish life and its results with a wise life. First he notes that fools are bitterly jealous and selfishly ambitious which produces a disordered vile life. Next, James points out 8 marks of a wise life that leads to a harvest of righteousness. The best news is, Scripture is clear we have the ultimate source of wisdom in Jesus.

Scriptures— James 3:13-18; Isaiah 2:4; Proverbs 1, 15:1; Isaiah 30:18; Colossians 2:3

Bible Questions & Application

(These are meant to aid in facilitating conversation.

There is no obligation to run through **every** listed question.)

1. What stood out most from Sunday's message?
2. Why should we seek wisdom? What is the end result of a living with or without wisdom?
3. Think of someone in your life you consider to be wise. What is it about the person that makes them seem wise to you?
4. Worldly wisdom, "phoolosophy", advises us to advance ourselves in the pursuit of power and pleasure.
 - a. In what ways does worldly wisdom influence your life?
 - b. How do you consciously work against this, and instead try to live out Godly wisdom?
5. How do we become wise? (Colossians 2:3)
6. The eight marks of wisdom are: being of good conduct, pure, peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy, impartial and sincere. In which one of these would you most like to grow? Why?

"Getting to know you" Questions

1. Since we last met, what are a couple things you're particularly thankful for? (Philippians 4:8)
2. Have you seen any victories?
3. What is a challenge you are facing right now?
4. What is one thing you are looking forward to?