

MEMORY VERSE - JAMES 3:18

“Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness.”

OPEN PRAYERTIME

PART 1: BREAKING THE ICE: (10 min)
Share about someone who you think is wise?

PART 2: LOOK TO THE BOOK: (60 min)

James 3:13-18

- 13 ¶ Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom.
14 But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth.
15 Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, of the devil.
16 For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.
17 But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.
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1. According to verse 1 how should someone who is wise and understanding show it? What is a deed done in humility? Is there any worldly recognition for this kind of wisdom?
2. How will what we read in verse 14 hinder a person from being the type of person verse 13 describes? If you do harbor bitter envy or selfish ambition what are you to do? How might not denying the truth lead you to health?
3. According to verse 16 what does bitter envy and selfish ambition lead to? Why is this so? Can you relate? Share a situation when this got you into trouble.
4. Work through the words in verse 17 that describe wisdom from above. Read them slowly... pausing after each and thinking about your own life.... reflecting on each. How do you measure up? Where do you fall short – share with the group. What about the person you mention in Part One. How different would a church be that focuses on heavenly wisdom over earthly? How can we be that church?
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