

James - Living whole in a fractured world

Whole people are always becoming wise

James 3:13-18

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The following questions are intended to use in discussion and application of the past week's sermon.

Listening

What part of the sermon was most helpful to you or challenged you to think and/or live differently? How will you apply this message to your life?

Engaging

James 1:5 says, "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him." Our experience (and the whole of God's Word) tells us this doesn't necessarily mean we'll have direct answers for every issue we face. Discuss how you would describe the sort of wisdom God promises.

Biblical meekness invokes the idea of strong restraint, gentleness, and humility. In 1 Peter 2:23 we see that Jesus is the ultimate example of a meek person – having all the power in the world, yet using it to lay down his life even for those who rejected him. Who do you know that is meek?

Applying

The next opportunity you have to pray for wisdom (generally when we're inclined to solutions), take some time to first pray for meekness, purity, being peaceable, and being open to reason. How might these relational aspects help you strive to become wise?

Pastor John asked: If it is really His kingdom that he's building and it is really His life living through you (not your own), how would you live differently? Can you identify values and perspectives that are different in your life because they're spiritually discerned (may refer to 1 Cor.2:12-14).

Praying

In light of this message and discussion:

How can we pray for each other?
Where do you feel challenged or convicted?

What can we praise God for?

How can we pray for our church?



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