

# Living Whole in a Fractured World: A Letter from James

## "Whole People are Always Becoming Wise"

October 30-31, 2021

This provides about one hour of discussion, music and readings. Use the portions you find most valuable. Our hope is this will be a springboard for discussion and further study.

Open with **1 Corinthians 2:12-14** and **Matthew 5:5-9**.

### 1. Godly wisdom is **meek**.

- Read **James 3:13-16** and **Matthew 11:29**.
- Being meek can pertain to being satisfied with the right solution rather than striving for personal recognition. How much value does our culture place on meekness? Why do you think that is?
- Why do you think meekness is part of true wisdom?

### 2. Godly wisdom is **pure**.

- Read **James 3:17**.
- How do we filter out the impure tendency towards pride?

### 3. Godly wisdom is **peaceable**.

- How well do I live at peace with others? What can I change in myself to be more peaceable in relationship with others?
- Read **Titus 3:1-2**, **Hebrews 12:11**, and **James 3:18**.

### 4. Godly wisdom is **open to reason**.

- Read **James 3:17c**, **1 Corinthians 13:2-7**, and **Romans 11:33-36**.
- Who have you known that showed wisdom by being "open to reason," especially in dealing with conflict? How has this person influenced your own development?

### 5. Whole people are **always BECOMING wise**.

- Read **James 3:18**.
- Discuss these ideas: "Listen more, speak less. Be teachable. Build bridges to reach those with whom you are in conflict. Be patient."
- Listen to the song, "**Perfect Wisdom of Our God**"  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hSnzYnOe6kl>

If you have a prayer need, ask a friend or two here to pray with you, and to support you in prayer this week.