

Christ Community Church

Community Group Discussion Guide for Week of January 18, 2026

Announcements

1. **Community Group:** Any specific announcements or things to discuss pertaining to your community group?
2. **Upcoming Christ Community Gatherings:** Women's Meetup at Hoppin' Vines on 1/29 from 7:30 to 9:00 PM — MAC Sunday on 2/1 (Lunch After Church at Mac's Pizza Pub in Blue Ash) - Men's Meetup at TBD on 2/12 from 7:30 to 9:00 PM.
3. **No Sunday Morning Worship on February 8 due to YMCA Swim Meet**
4. **Celebration Sunday & Chili Cook Off:** Our Celebration Sunday is being postponed and will now be combined with our Chili Cook-Off on February 15, so go ahead and save the date, and we're looking forward to celebrating together then.
5. **The Gospel Coalition's 2026 Women's Conference:** Join the women of Christ Community Church for TCG's Women's Conference in Indy from June 11 to 13 for a time of worship, teaching, and connection. For registration and more information, visit www.christcincy.org/events.

Opening Question

What's one piece of advice you've received (helpful or not) that has stuck with you, and why do you think it's stayed with you?

James 3:13-18

Leader's Note: Open with a brief prayer, asking God to make the group receptive to His Word. Then invite someone to read the passage aloud. (For longer sections, consider dividing the reading among several people.)

[13] Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. [14] But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. [15] This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. [16] For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. [17] But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. [18] And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

Discussion Questions

1. In verse 13, James begins by asking, “Who is wise and understanding among you?” What do you think James means by wisdom in this passage, and how is it different from simply having knowledge?
⇒ *Potential Follow-Up Question(s): How does James’s definition of wisdom differ from how our culture typically defines it?*
2. In verses 14–16, James describes what he calls “wisdom from below.” According to these verses, what marks this kind of wisdom, and what kinds of outcomes does it produce?
⇒ *Potential Follow-Up Question(s): Where have you seen this kind of “wisdom from below” harm relationships, either in your own life or in the lives of others? What might healing begin to look like in those situations if God’s wisdom from above were shaping them instead?*
3. In verse 17, “wisdom from above” is described with a list of qualities. Which of these characteristics do you find most compelling, or most challenging?
⇒ *Potential Follow-Up Questions(s): Which of these qualities of wisdom from above have you most admired in someone else? When you experienced those qualities directed toward you, how did they affect you and your relationship with that person?*
4. In verse 18, James describes wisdom as something that is “sown in peace by those who make peace.” How does this image help us understand the way wisdom is meant to shape our relationships and life together, not just our personal beliefs or knowledge?
⇒ *Potential Follow-Up Question(s): How might “wisdom from above” change the way we handle disagreement, tension, or difference within community? Where do you see opportunities right now to practice peace-making in your relationships?*
5. James’s vision of wisdom ultimately points beyond surface-level behavioral change to a life shaped by God’s grace. How does the good news of Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection give us both the motivation and the hope to live out the wisdom from above, especially when it feels costly or difficult?
⇒ *Potential Follow-Up Question(s): What is one small, tangible step you could take this week that reflects wisdom from above, trusting that Jesus has already met you with His grace?*

Prayer

Leader’s Note: Wrap up your time by moving into prayer. Begin by inviting group members to share any requests, especially in light of the categories listed below. When someone shares, ask if another person would be willing to pray for that request. Then open the group prayer time by asking someone to start and encourage others to pray as

they feel led. When it seems like the time is drawing to a close, finish by thanking God for His Word and for the time you've had together.

- **Word – Praying in Response to God's Word**
What truths or applications stood out from our discussion, and how can we pray for one another in light of what God has shown us through His Word?
- **Heart – Praying for “Heart-Level” Concerns**
Because real change begins in the heart, how can we pray for one another where trusting God feels hard or where walking closely with Him is a struggle?
- **Life – Praying for Personal Requests**
What personal needs, burdens, or situations would you like prayer for this week?
- **Church – Praying for Our Church and Its Mission**
What are some things happening in our church and through our church that we can be praying for together?
- **World – Praying for People You're Minister To and Those in Need**
Who in your life doesn't yet know Jesus, and how can we pray for them—and for your opportunities to love and share the gospel with them? Who in your life needs prayer, encouragement, or care, and how can we lift them up together this week?