

Sermon Notes

Wisdom's Source Determines Wisdom's Substance

James 3:13-18 (ESV)

You can get knowledge from a book, but true wisdom comes from God.

Where selfish ambition meets envy, there is always compromise.

Mark 8:34 (NLT)

Godly Wisdom on display shows the world The Way

How would my friends and family describe me?

Selfless or Selfish?

Gentle or Harsh?

Humble or Proud?

Compassionate or Judgmental?

Open to Reason or Close Minded?

Faithful or Uncommitted?

Blameless (Pure) or Easily Tempted?

Merciful or Unforgiving?

Sincere or Insincere?

Peaceful or Violent?

Four Ways to Wise Up:

1) Look Up

2) Fill Up

3) Huddle Up

4) Bless Up

Discussion Questions

- 1) What impacted you the most from this week's message? Encouraged you? Challenged you?**
- 2) Do you agree that Godly Wisdom isn't just about 'What you Know,' but more about "What you Show?" Why or why not?**
- 3) Read Mark 8:34 (in the NLT if you can). What would it look like for you to "Deny yourself and put aside your selfish ambition" this week? Have you ever tried to follow Jesus without "Denying yourself?"**
- 4) Read James 3:13-18. Based on the words James uses to describe both Godly Wisdom and Worldly Wisdom, how do you think your closest friends would describe you? Use the list above in the notes as a reference.**
- 5) Of the Four Ways to Wise Up, which is most difficult for you to do? Which will you seek to implement this week? Who can help you follow through with this?**