

# Discussion Questions

## **INTRODUCTION**

Our culture elevates passion as a desirable and noble trait. But, the Bible also describes a downside to unprincipled passion that can bring harm to those around us and to our relationship with God. Learn how wisdom can harness and channel passion in a manner that improves our life and our contribution to the world around us.

## **GETTING STARTED**

1. What are you passionate about?
2. Describe a time when someone was led astray by misguided passions.

## **BIBLE IDEA**

3. Sean said that passion needs to be led. Have you experience success when you submitted a passion to God's leadership? Which of your passions are most challenging to submit to God's leadership?
4. What does drawing near to God look and sound like to you? How does that help you submit your passions to the Lord's leadership?
5. If you were becoming proud what would the people around you see and hear? In what situations? How would wisdom correct the situation?

## **NEXT STEPS**

6. What passions or desire(s) do you need to surrender to God?
7. What is a practical way you can exercise humility this week?

**Letting Wisdom Lead!**  
**Reflections on Wisdom #5**

James 4:1-6 ESV

What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? <sup>2</sup> You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup> You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. <sup>4</sup> You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. <sup>5</sup> Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? <sup>6</sup> But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble."

James 4:7-12, Galatians 5:16-24, James 3:13-18

Following Jesus Means Being Led By His \_\_\_\_\_, Not By Your \_\_\_\_\_!

A. Decide to \_\_\_\_\_ your life to \_\_\_\_\_.

Acts 2:37-39

B. \_\_\_\_\_ the discipline of \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

Hebrews 4:16, Hebrews 10:22

C. Deny the voice of \_\_\_\_\_ by walking \_\_\_\_\_.