

**James: Faith in Action**  
*Wisdom from Above*  
**James 3:13-18**

**TALK IT OVER**

**Passages**

*"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." – James 3:13-18 (ESV)*

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**Start Talking: Find an announcement or mission for your group. (15 Min)**

- February 12: Super Bowl Party - Invite some unchurched friends or friends/neighbors that are disconnected
- Feb. 22: Attend Ash Wednesday as a Life Group
- If the preacher had to give an abbreviated version of last weekend's message, what two points or ideas would you tell him to include on the matter?

**Head: Start Thinking about the Text. Ask a question to get your group thinking. (10 Min)**

- The sermon text was James 3:13-18 and can be found on the left-hand side. To keep the study fresh please read Colossians 3:1-11 in your Bible for your life group's main text.
- What is the difference between things that are above from those things that are below?
- How are we to take off our old selves?

**Heart: Start Sharing how the Text is shaping our beliefs. Choose a question to create openness. (10 Min)**

- When you remove things like jealousy and selfishness, how does it change the way you see and think about things?
- When have you been gifted with wisdom that you knew that came straight from above? How did you know it was coming from God?

**Hands: Start living the Text. Commit to believing or obeying the text this week. (10 Min)**

- Seek God's wisdom by putting off jealousy and selfish ambition. To do that try seeing everything from God's eyes.
- What wisdom are you looking for right now? Go to a godly person that you know and seek advice.

**Start Praying. Be bold and pray with power. (15 Min)**

- For suggestions on structuring prayer time, see the *Group Prayer Ideas* page in this packet.

**Trios: Split into same-gender groups of three. Pick a question. (15 Min)**

1. Who is one non-believer or someone without a church home that you need to reach out to this week?
2. What kind of conversations are you having with people you are reaching out to?
3. Is there anything God is leading you to repent of?
4. What's a passage of scripture that has impacted you this week? Read it to the group and explain why.
5. What's something you'd like someone else to check in with you about this week?
6. Pray for one another.