James 3:13-18

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. James says wisdom is demonstrated by “a good life” and deeds done in humility. What does this suggest about the difference between knowing wise things and living wisely? Where might that difference show up in your life?

2. James identifies bitter envy and selfish ambition as signs of “wisdom from below.” How can these motives hide beneath admirable goals, such as working hard, serving at church, or pursuing success? What helps you recognize them honestly?

3. When you compare your life with someone else’s, what tends to stir envy, resentment, or a desire to prove yourself? How might remembering God as your Provider change the way you respond?

4. James says worldly wisdom produces disorder and “every evil practice.” Where have you seen envy or selfish ambition damage relationships? What would repentance and peacemaking look like in that situation?

5. The wisdom from above is pure, peace-loving, considerate, merciful, fruitful, impartial, and sincere. Which of these qualities is most difficult for you right now? What specific situation could help you practice it this week?

6. James describes meekness as wisdom expressed through humility and gentleness. How can you exercise the wisdom of meekness in a difficult situation at home or at work?

7. Jesus is the wisdom of God, and through His death and resurrection He makes peace between God and sinners. How does the gospel both expose our worldly wisdom and give us hope to change? What is one way you can ask God for His wisdom and put it into practice this week?