



Wisdom in Trials

James 1: 5-8 | Kevin Yule

Read James 1:5-8, 2 Chronicles 1:1-13, Matt 6:33

1. If you were to summarize this passage, what would you say?
2. James tells us to ask for wisdom when we are experiencing troubles and trials in our lives. Have you ever asked God for wisdom? What happened?
3. There is good news in verse 5. When we ask for wisdom, God's character is revealed. Discuss what character traits of God are revealed in verse 5.
4. James tells us that there are conditions in place when we ask God for wisdom. What conditions does James say we must have? (verses 6-8)
5. What does it mean to ask in faith without doubt? What do you do when you doubt that God has your situation under control? What do you do if you don't have the faith to trust God?
6. Pastor Kevin used the example of the need to "jump", as if you were a child jumping into God's arms. Have you ever taken a leap of faith when troubles and trials came your way and simply trusted God with the solution? What was the outcome?
7. It's difficult to study this passage without addressing the question, "What if God does not reveal His will, or if the answer means more suffering and pain?". Pastor Kevin said it is ok to "wrestle" with God. What do you think that means? Have you ever wrestled with God? Is it wrong to ask God why is this happening, or to express your doubts, anger, and fear?
8. Look back at the trials and troubles you have faced. What stories has God given you to help others endure and grow in their faith? What was the wisdom you gained? Where has God allowed you to tell your story of His faithful presence in the midst of your struggles?