



Real Wisdom  
Small Group Questions  
James 3:13-18  
September 7

**Community**

- How did you learn how to drive? Who taught you? What was the best advice or wisdom shared with you while you were learning to drive?
- What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.
- What is one thing you would do differently this week as a result of this message?

**Core: Read James 3:13-18**

1. What is the difference between wisdom and knowledge? Can you give an example of each? How do people confuse the two?
2. Are all sources of wisdom equally valid? Why? Why not? How do you decide where to seek wisdom?
3. How would you describe the basic difference between earthly wisdom and heavenly wisdom? What are the origins of both?
4. According to James, what are the basic characteristics of earthly wisdom? Does James' description of this worldly wisdom change your opinion of it?

5. What example of worldly wisdom can you think of off the top of your head? Is it ever ok to follow this worldly wisdom? Why? Why not?
  
6. What is the result of worldly wisdom?
  
7. How is heavenly wisdom differ from earthly wisdom?
  
8. Take a minute to define each of the characteristics of heavenly wisdom listed in verse 17.
  
9. How could you use these characteristics to test wisdom or advice you receive from others?
  
10. What are some practical steps you can take to grow in God's wisdom and guard yourself against earthly philosophies?

**Make sure to spend some time in prayer as a group**