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LIFEgroup Discussion Questions

Competing Kinds of Wisdom

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James 3:13-18

Text: Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show by his good behavior his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom. 14 But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not be arrogant and so lie against the truth. 15 This wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly, natural, demonic. 16 For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing. 17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy. 18 And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

1. We have at our disposal today more knowledge than at any time in history. While our world has plenty of knowledge it doesn't necessarily translate into wisdom. What's the difference between knowledge and wisdom?
2. According to verse 13 how do we show that we have wisdom and understanding? How is our behavior transformed?
3. If our hearts must be transformed before our behavior changes, what 3 issues does James challenge in verse 14?
4. There are competing kinds of wisdom. In verse 15 James describes wisdom from below. Specifically he mentions three things: discuss wisdom that is earthly, natural, and demonic. What are some examples of each?
5. In verse 17 James begins to describes the wisdom that is from above. Which one speak to you?
6. In verse 17 "unwavering" is mentioned. What happens when we must our target by 1 degree? How do you follow Jesus and stay on the path He blazed?
7. Discuss your LIFEgroup's personal ministry to people on your Soul Care list. In light of these verses, what are the next steps for your LIFEgroup to take regarding these members?

Pray