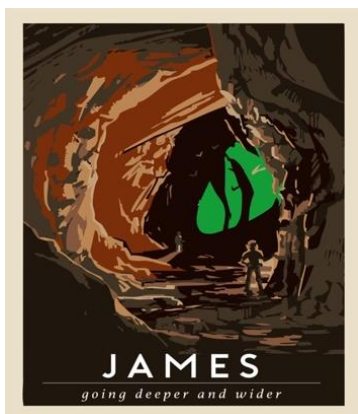




⋮ KEEPING WATCH OVER OUR HEARTS ⋮

James 3:13-18; 4:6-8

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Intro – *Proverbs 4:23*

Say What? (James 3:13-14) Defining Our Terms

Seeing What's What (James 3:15-18) Discerning Our Hearts

*So, What Now? (James 4:6-8) Deepening Our Dependence
reflect • realize • repent • receive • reattach • remain • repeat WITH JESUS*

Conclusion – *Isaiah 53:5* Jesus is ALWAYS Our Peace

Study Guide

Reflections: A follower of Jesus will ask themselves before the Lord in prayer ⋮

What do I notice about myself (emotions, reactions, responses) during trials lately? How are my choices during trials affecting those around me? Where am I judging my brother/sister? And where do I find their sin in myself too?

Where am I going for wisdom and understanding these days? When do I tend to substitute God's wisdom for earthly wisdom? What have been the unwanted side effects of choosing earthly wisdom?

What do I need to confess, repent, return and reattach to Jesus right now? What areas of my life do I need to remain closer to Jesus in? Where do I need the wisdom & peace only His presence can provide?

Readings: Read *Isaiah 32:15-18*. What will be the effect of the Spirit coming to live inside of God's people? What will the Spirit enable within God's children that they cannot experience without Him? Why is the Spirit needed at all?

Read *Matthew 23:23*. Here Jesus is speaking to the religious leaders of His time. What are they paying attention to? What are they neglecting? What is the goal of the law according to Jesus?

Read *Matthew 11:28-30*. How is Jesus always our solution/savior/shepherd? How does coming to Jesus actually grow humility inside of us? How does our repentance pave the way for us to love our neighbor as ourselves? Now read James 3:17. Who does this sound like to you? How is Jesus truly the "wisdom from above" for all of life?

Resources: *Signature Sins: Taming Our Wayward Hearts* (2008) by Dr. Michael Mangis, PhD, Professor of Psychology at Wheaton College. Deeply informative, spiritually inspiring, written with clarity, filled with practical questions for self-reflection and saturated with an awareness of God's grace.