

House Church Study Questions
Based on the SAC Sermon on August 2, 2020

Sermon: Living In Wisdom
Text: James 3:13-18

Gathering Guidelines

-Watch Pastor Brian's intro video for this week.

Take some time to worship

Play a worship song. Pray to Jesus. Be in His presence.

Read James 3:13-18

Discussion Questions

- #1 Verse 1 says that living a wise life is done through *humility*.
Why do you think humility is so important to wise living?
Is it possible that wise living requires more than just being really smart/educated/having all the right answers to the problems?**

- #2. There is an interesting dynamic going on in verse 1: The person who is wise is encouraged to 'show it' to others. So how can a person 'show' wisdom and still be humble?**

- #3. Humility usually means that a person submits to something or someone greater as their guide. It seems that to live a wise life requires a humble relationship with God.
How do you understand earthly wisdom as being different from godly wisdom in this regard?**

- #4. Selfish ambition, in verse 14, is described as 'earthly wisdom'.
What do you think selfish ambition means or looks like?
If you are working hard to provide for your family and your future, is it possible that this could be an example of selfish ambition?**

Consider Colossians 3:23 “Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men.” (ASV)

What does this say to you about your daily life and work and what reason you work for? Are you working based on earthly wisdom or godly wisdom?

#5. Consider the elements of heavenly wisdom. Read verses 17,18. Ask yourself what you think being ‘pure’ has to do with leading a life of godly wisdom. . .

#6. This passage tells us that living out godly wisdom is something that happens during my daily life. When you’re at work the wisdom of God is something that is meant to be helping you.

Do you think that godly wisdom is something that can really help you live and work? Do you think it has something to offer you that could genuinely benefit you in your job?

You may need to work at this a bit but try hard to see how God’s wisdom is actually a benefit in every area of your life.

Invitation and Mission for this week

This week spend 10 minutes before you start your day in prayer. Ask the Lord this: that He would help you live in His wisdom, and that He would teach you how to do it. Ask Him to reveal to you ways that you are living in earthly wisdom, and then ask Him to forgive you and fill you with His wisdom.

Then see how you change!

Pray for each other

Go around your circle and pray for the person on your left. Pray from the content of your discussions tonight and declare God’s truth/blessing over the person next to you. Everyone is invited to pray. Everyone is invited to receive prayer.