

HOW TO HAVE A BEAUTIFUL LIFE

James 3:13-18

MAIN IDEAS FROM THIS WEEK

1. WHAT WISDOM IS
2. THE TWO TYPES OF WISDOM
3. WHERE THE GOOD WISDOM COMES FROM

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS – Pick one or two of these to talk about as a group

1. What stood out to you most from this week's message? Why?
2. This week's passage out of James is all about wisdom. Who are some of the wisest people you know? What about them makes them wise?
3. Biblical wisdom includes 1) knowing how things really are, 2) knowing how things really work and 3) knowing what to do with that knowledge (see Proverbs 8:12-16). What are some things that lead to growth in these three areas? In other words, how do we become more wise?
4. A life that has "earthly" wisdom at its foundation will be marked by a constant, internal hunger (bitter envy and selfish ambition) that will result in restlessness (disorder and evil). When you use this passage of James as a diagnostic tool do you see any signs that you might be living by "earthly" wisdom?
5. The primary way you can know that the wisdom of God is at the foundation of your life is that your life will be **BEAUTIFUL**. Use James 3:17 as a guide and answer these two questions: **1)** What exactly does a beautiful life look like? **2)** What is beautiful about *your* life?
6. What are we supposed to do if we see that our life is more ugly than beautiful? Where can we find hope? How do we change?

A TRUTH TO TAKE WITH YOU: Jesus is the wisdom of God. He came down from above, lived the beautiful life we've failed to live and then took our ugliness on Himself so that we could be made beautiful in Him.