

James 3: 13-18

The Humility of Wisdom



Think about and discuss one or two questions from each section.

The text – James 3:13-18

1. Read James 3:13-18. To whom is the question “Who is wise and understanding among you?” addressed? See James 3:1 as you consider this.
2. What is wisdom? What is humility? Discuss the relationship between “wisdom” and humility”.
3. What are the sources of “false wisdom” in 3:14-16?
4. What are the characteristics of God’s wisdom in 3:17-18?

The Scriptures – James 3:13-18 as a portion of the Scriptures

5. Read Isaiah 11:1-9. Discuss the characteristics of God’s Spirit in 11:1-3. How does this text inform James’ description of wisdom?
6. In Isaiah 11:6-9 there is a description of peace across the entire creation. Discuss this passage and what James means by peace-making in 3:17-18.
7. There is a lovely passage in 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 about God’s wisdom. Discuss Paul’s words, comparing them with those of James.

Our lives – walking the way of Jesus in response to James 3:13-18 as a portion of the Scriptures

8. How do we become wise?
9. How important is the community of the church for you as you seek to live wisely and well?
10. What are some areas in your life in which you need wisdom from God at the moment?