

James

11.3.13

James 3:13-18

Reminders

- Operation Christmas Child – Get info from the City

Remember

- What stands out to you from James? What themes have been the most helpful in this series?
- Talk about the difference between pure and worthless religion and how you see that connected to the rest of James.
- Read James 3:13-18
 - What stands out to you from the passage or from listening to the sermon?

Deepen

Leader: as you walk through these points, let the group talk about things they remember from the sermon. Use the questions as needed for further conversation.

Pure Wisdom is Evident – v. 13

- Thinking back through James, what might be some ways a person's conduct might display wisdom? *Being a doer of the word, asking for wisdom, enduring trials, not showing favoritism, seeking to bridle the tongue, etc.*
- What are some connections between meekness and wisdom?
 - James 1:21
 - James 1:5

Worthless Wisdom is deceptive – vv. 14-15

- Jealousy can be zeal and ambition can be a good thing. What turns the corner on these two things from potentially good and God glorifying to wicked and self-seeking? Where do these tend to show up in your life?
- Why would we rather boast and lie than humble ourselves and ask God for wisdom?

Wisdom affects Community – vv. 16-17

- Compare James 3:16-17 and Galatians 5:19-23.
- What are the similarities and differences in these two lists?
- How would Pure and Worthless Wisdom shape relationships in community?
- How can we war against jealousy and selfish ambition in our relationships?

Pure Wisdom creates fertile soil – v. 18

- What are some ways pure wisdom creates space for righteousness to grow?
- How can we encourage one another in this?

Transform

James tells us to ask God for wisdom. What keeps you from doing this?

How can we combat the pride and arrogance that would keep us masquerading as wise?

Spend some time praying for one another.