

Life Group Discussion Material - Sunday, January 10th Message

Wise Faith: James 3:13-18

Refine Your Faith

1. The book of James is said to be the instruction booklet for “doing the Christian life.” Which message from James has spoken the most to you so far? They are listed below:

Faith in Trial – Faith handles trials with joy and sees opportunity for growth

Authentic Faith – Authentic faith is changed by God’s word

Merciful Faith – Recognizes mercy shown and returns it to others (no favoritism)

Working Faith – Genuine faith serves God through works

Faith Modeling Speech – Our speech reveals the condition of our faith

Wise Faith – Faith that is humble and recognizes wisdom comes from God

2. With an endless amount of information available virtually at our fingertips, do you think that society as a whole is getting more wise or more foolish? Explain.

3. Why is information alone not good enough to create wise people?

Proverbs 1:7; 2:6

Psalms 111:10

Ephesians 5:15-17

4. What is “worldly wisdom” based on?”

Leader’s note: Worldly wisdom tends to be self-centered as it exalts self and not God. It comes from a human point of view rather than a Biblical one.

5. In verse 17, James lists a number of traits that Godly wisdom will display.

These traits are: *pure, peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere.* Do you see a connection between these

traits of wisdom and the previous lessons from James stated in question #1?