

LET'S TALK



JAMES : WISDOM TO LIVE BY

You can either use this for personal application of Sunday's message or as part of your preparation for HomeGroup this week.



SUNDAY RECAP

James 3 :13 - 18

¹³ Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you harbour bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth.

¹⁵ Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶ For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

¹⁷ But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸ Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

- **Be Humble**
- **Ask Questions**
- **Get Counsel**
- **Follow Jesus - Wisdom is personified in Jesus**

LET'S GO DEEPER



We are looking at this in the context of our lives in general, and more specifically our faith and things of the kingdom. *(not necessarily with regards to practical skills etc)*

Humility and being **teachable** is key to gaining and growing in wisdom. In fact it is key to living the life as a disciple of Jesus.

- On a scale of 0 - 5 (5 being most) where would you put yourself with regards to being teachable? *(if you are married... what about your spouse?..)*
- Are **you** able to learn from anyone, or are there some that you battle to see how you can learn from?
- Do you think there are some people who can't teach you and where is the line between that and being proud/arrogant?

Developing the skill of asking questions

- Would you say you are a naturally inquisitive person? Again on a scale of 0 - 5 where are you?
- Are you quite front footed and find it easy to ask questions of others in order to discover more, or do you tend to just wait for someone to offer an instruction?
- Do you see the value in gaining Godly perspective before making major decisions? Do you do it in practice?

Col 2:3

How is wisdom personified in Jesus?

LET'S APPLY THIS



This week:

Spend some time this week reading through Proverbs. Don't rush but rather take a few scriptures a day and journal down what God is saying to you through it and how you can apply it to your life.

Ask God to give you a scripture to encourage someone else and send it through to them.

Spend time waiting on God and hearing Him, ask for a fresh and constant infilling of the Holy Spirit.