



Discussion Prompts

The Discussion Prompts are provided to dig deeper into a sermon with the respective title mentioned on the right side of this guide (you can find the sermons at www.manheimbic.org/sermon).

Connect

Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, fellowship. Just arrive after a long week of all kind of things. - Ask: Who are you personally?

Care

Carry each others burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Cry together. Support each other. Pray together. - Ask: How are you doing?

Challenge

Dive into God's word to learn from each others insight. Encourage & challenge each other to a godly life. - Ask: What is God teaching us today?

Study Guide:

In yet another practical fashion James teaches us how we can live a life that displays faith in God. And this week Chaplain Jimmy Fannin helps us look at the wisdom loaded verses of James 3:13-18 and unpacks it's content in a very practical way.

Looking at verse 13 it become clear that we have a choice to make: Live out God's wisdom or be tempted to live according to worldly wisdom. When was the last time you actually asked God for wisdom for a certain situation? Be honest. Be practical. Really **write down** the rough date of the last time you looked to God for wisdom. When was it and what was it for?

Before James goes on with the **godly wisdom approach** in verse 17, verses 14-16 warn us of having the wrong attitude towards wisdom. Ask yourself these two evaluation questions:

- Jealousy - Where do you find yourself **comparing** to others' life & service?
- Selfish ambition - **Why** do you do the good deeds that you do?

In a third step James moves on to describe what true, godly wisdom is (v.17). As Jimmy talked about these 5 key elements of wisdom, did you find yourself evaluating your own life & service? Well, here are 5 questions that help you live out Gods wisdom:

1. How can your life be more **peace-loving**? How can you actively promote peace?
2. How can you be more **gentle**? Especially when you are frustrated with certain people.
3. Where do you need to **yield**? Not just to God, but also to human leadership. Without complaining.
4. How can you show **mercy**? To people that obviously made choices that you would "never" have made.
5. And where are you tempted to show **favoritism**? *Who else* can you serve?

Chaplain Jimmy Fannin wraps up his sermon with three steps of how to seek God's wisdom practically. One simple statement sticks out:

How can we seek God's wisdom if we don't know who he is and how he works?

As you seek to practice faith, actively seek God's wisdom. Take James 3 13-18 as a guide.

Clarify

Know what's to do next, with the studies text, within the group, and in general. Have a mission for the week. - Ask: How do we apply what we have learned?

Celebrate

Celebrate life's success and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to *brag* about God. - Ask: What has God done in our life that deserves praise?

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. (Acts 2:42)

