



The Way of Wisdom

Icebreaker: Skiing, snowboarding or Tubing?

Read Together: James 3:13-18 (ESV)

Consider together:

- Knowledge and Wisdom are different. Knowledge is in the head; Wisdom is in the heart.
- The wisdom of man: The wisdom of man carries out the purposes and plans of the enemy!
 - Earthly/Worldly-
 - Thinks the thoughts that come naturally, and does not consult God.
 - Man's wisdom does not consider the impact of a reality that we cannot see.
 - Unspiritual –
 - Does not consider that there are spiritual implications of our actions.
 - Demonic –
 - The enemy will make us think we are so smart and then send our thoughts toward evil.
- The fruit of the wisdom of man:
 - Envy – Wanting what others have.
 - Selfish Ambition – Are you secretly wanting someone else to fail?
 - Boasting – Puffing up self.

Discuss:

- What is the Holy Spirit saying to you through James 3:13-18?
- What is the result of the wisdom of man? (Consult Verse 16)
- Do you sometimes or often wish that someone else will fail?

Read Together: 1 Corinthians 14:33 (NKJV), James 1:5 (ESV)

Consider Together:

- The wisdom of God:
 - Followers of Jesus don't make decisions based on how we feel. We make a decision based on what the word of God says.
 - The Holy Spirit will not lead you to do something that is in contrast to what the word of God says.
 - Decisions made from God's wisdom yield:
 - Pure
 - Peace loving
 - Considerate
 - Submissive
 - Full of mercy

- Full of good fruit
- Impartial
- Sincere

Discuss:

- What does God author?
- Where does Wisdom come from according to James 3:17?
- What are the outcomes when we ask God for Wisdom? (James 3:18)
- What are you going to do this week to put wisdom into practice?
- Who are some people with whom you can share what God has shown you in this teaching?

Pray:

Father, please give me wisdom. I need to know your thoughts and I want to live your way. Please give me ears to hear and a heart to obey what you are saying to me!