

# GROWTH GUIDE

*For you. Your family. Your group.*

THE BOOK OF JAMES  
RECOGNIZING WISDOM | JAMES 3:13-18  
FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 23, 2022

## SERMON OUTLINE

1. Discerning true wisdom. James 3:13-17
2. Obtaining true wisdom. James 3:15
3. Blessings of true wisdom. James 3:18

## GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Check for understanding: how can we tell the difference between earthly wisdom and godly wisdom?
2. Looking back at the passage and your notes, is there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
3. What are various sources of “wisdom” in our day to day lives that we hear from, both earthly and spiritual? Practically, what can we do to stay vigilant in the midst of all these difference sources of truth?
4. How does the fear of the Lord and knowing God’s character help us or make a difference in our day to day lives and struggles? If I want to grow in my knowledge and trust in God’s character, how do I do that?
5. There are several blessings that come with the wisdom from above and a lifelong pursuit of true wisdom. How can we use the blessings of wisdom as an Evangelistic tool or to encourage ourselves and others to pursue wisdom?

## BREAKOUT DISCUSSION

1. What’s your next step for growing in the knowledge of the word that the group can hold you accountable to working on? Pastor Jeff gave some examples: more consistent Bible reading, memorization, studying deep theology book, reading through the bible for the first time, etc.
2. Do you see any signs in your own life of earthly wisdom (from the passage, selfish ambition, jealousy, vile practices, etc.)? If so, what and in what context (work, home, when you’re alone, etc.)? What should your response be as you see those things in yourself?

## PRAYER POINTS

1. Praise God for providing ways to find true wisdom and for sending Jesus who is God’s wisdom (1 Cor 1:24)
2. Pray for discernment and vigilance in the midst of being bombarded with information to be able to identify true wisdom from above.
3. Ask God to help City on a Hill be a paradigm of wisdom and peace as we interact with others.