



## James Series Study Sheet

Week 9

Text: James 3:13-18

Message Title: Wisdom

Read James 3:13-18

Talk about someone you know who has wisdom. What makes them wise?

How would you define wisdom?

Reuben described wisdom like a tree, with roots, branches and fruit/leaves. James describes the roots of wisdom with the phrase "from above" (v17). What does that mean?

Compare this passage to Proverbs 9:10-12. What does the 'Fear of the Lord' mean and how does it produce wisdom?

The branches of wisdom: In v13 James talks about the "humility that comes from wisdom." How does wisdom produce humility?

Can you think of examples of people who combine wisdom and humility well in their lives?

Discuss the kind of 'false wisdom' James describes in v15. What does this look like in real life?

Finally, the fruit of wisdom: read v17-18. Which of the qualities of wisdom do you most desire for your own life? Pause right now and ask God to give you this virtue.

The word 'peace' comes from the Hebrew word 'shalom' which means wholeness, flourishing. It refers not only to inner peace, but people between people, God and one another. What is the relationship between wisdom and peace/shalom?

How can we use wisdom to promote and enhance shalom? Think of examples where you have seen or heard of this happening.

How can you practically use wisdom to produce shalom in your own life and the lives of those around you? Think of practical examples.

What step could you take this week to grow in wisdom?