

Series: James: Faith in Action  
Sermon: Humility and Wisdom  
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### **Daily Readings**

Monday: James 3:13-James 4:10

Tuesday: Proverbs 8

Wednesday: Proverbs 9

Thursday: Proverbs 22

Friday: Colossians 1:24-Colossians 2:5

Saturday: Philippians 2:1-11

### **Discussion Questions**

1. Have someone in your group give a brief recap of Sunday's message, highlighting the primary Scripture points and the main idea of the message.
2. How did this message strengthen and/or correct your previous ideas about humility and wisdom? Was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you? Did you learn anything new about God or yourself this week?
3. Read **James 3:13**. What is the good life that James has in mind here? How is this different from the good life that our culture talks about?
4. Read **James 3:14-18**. What is the difference between earthly wisdom versus heavenly wisdom? Do you desire the wisdom of heaven?
5. Read **James 4:1-3**. Why is it that selfish desires, self-dependence, and selfish prayers lead us away from the wisdom that comes from humility? Why do you think these patterns lead instead to conflicts?
6. Read **James 4:4-6**. Why does it not work to be friends with the world and friends with God at the same time? What course of life are you choosing? Are there areas where you need to repent knowing that God gives us more grace?
7. How do we see wisdom and humility expressed in Jesus? What would it look like to continually look to Jesus for the wisdom that you need today? Why must this require humility?
8. What action step do you need to take in response to this week's message? How can your group hold you accountable to this step?

### **Action Steps**

- Take a moment and express in your group what you need wisdom for. After doing so, take another moment to humbly pray for one another.
- This week, take some time to journal through some areas where you need to repent of living for God and the world. Express your desire again to live for the Lord. Then journal through how sweet the grace of God is knowing that He is faithful to forgive us and purify us from all unrighteousness.