

Living the Way: A study of the book of James  
February 22, 2026 Discussion Guide  
Scripture reading: James 3: 13-18

**CHECK UP:**

Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be.  
James 3:10

\* How did you control your speech in the presence of unruly tongues this week?

**OPEN:**

- What was a highlight in your week this past week? What was a particular challenge you had?
- What is the difference between knowledge and wisdom?
- Where do people often go to get wisdom?

**READ and DISCUSS: James 3: 13-18**

- How can we tell when a person is wise?
- What is wrong with the wisdom of a selfish and bitter person?
  - o From where does the “wisdom” of a selfish and bitter person come?
- How does a wise person act?
- What is the difference between earthly wisdom and God’s wisdom?
- How can we get or experience heavenly wisdom?

**APPLY:**

- o What kind of bitter envy or selfish ambition do you tend to hold in your heart?
- o What are practical ways we can sow seeds of peace during our life?
  - NEXT STEP:  
What can you do this week to plant peace in a relationship or situation which has been troubling you?

Memory Work:

But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.

James 3:17

Next Week's Reading:

James 4: 1-12