**“What Does It Mean to be Wise?”**

3-Fold Purpose: ***Love God, Love Others, Serve the World***

One Mission: ***Make Disciples***

4 Commitments:

***Shaped by the Word***

1. What words come to mind when you think of the word *wisdom*?
2. When you picture someone who is wise, that comes to mind?
3. Read James 3:13-18.
   1. What are the qualities of true wisdom, according to James?
   2. What is the opposite of wisdom, and what are the outcomes?
   3. What insight or challenge did you receive from Sunday’s sermon?

***Surrendered to His Will***

1. Verse 13 alludes to the “meekness of wisdom”. Whereas humility generally refers to an attitude toward oneself, meekness has to do with restraining one’s own power.
   1. What is it about true wisdom that leads to meekness?
   2. Since wisdom comes from God (Prov. 2:6) and is not a product of human achievement, what is required in order for us to receive it?
   3. When was the last time you asked for wisdom? What was the outcome?

***Connected to His Spirit***

1. Verses 14-17 illustrate the opposite of godly wisdom and the outcomes that result when we are left to our own passions and desires.
   1. What do you learn from v. 15 about the root cause of this ugly picture James paints?
   2. If you’ve read Romans 7, you’re well aware of the battle between the flesh and the Spirit. How is that battle going in your own life?
   3. Spend some time discussing the qualities of wisdom laid out in v. 17. Conclude this portion of your discussion with prayer, asking God that these specific qualities would become more and more evident in each of your lives.

***Building His Kingdom***

1. Reread verses 13 and 18. Notice how wisdom is characterized by ‘good conduct’ and ‘works’, and that the result of that is a ‘harvest of righteousness’. Consider the following questions:
   1. What seeds are you sowing through your attitude, actions and speech?
   2. Are you an open, pure conduit for receiving true wisdom?
   3. What decision will you make today in response to what you have learned?

Weekly Scripture Memory

*God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption***.** 1 Corinthians 1:28-30 (ESV)