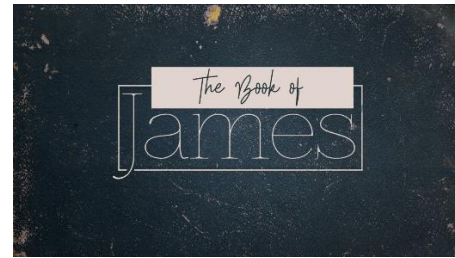


Eastridge Church  
Sermon Study Questions

James: The Way Jesus' People Can Rise Above

Week 7: Jesus' Way of Wisdom

Passage: James 3:13-18



Conversation Starter:

*Like the "inspiration cube" that Pastor Dwain mentioned, what is another product that you have seen that took you by surprise?*

**Re-read James 3:13-18**

At the beginning of the sermon, Pastor Dwain shared the big idea of the passage: **Jesus wants us to live in his way of wisdom because it turns us into sub-creators of good in our own lives, the church and the world.** *What comes to mind when you think of the word sub-creators? How is this possible, and what might it look like to live into this?*

One of the first points of the sermon is that: **Jesus' resilient wisdom displays reality without talking it to death.** We see this in verse 13 where James writes, "By his *good conduct* let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom." *How do we display wisdom without talking it to death? How does this compare to the way that the world proclaims its wisdom?*

**Re-read verses 14-16.** In these verses James talks about wisdom that is earthly, unspiritual, and demonic. *What are the two sinful characteristics that are singled out in these verses? Why do you think that James highlights these two sins when he talks about worldly wisdom?*

Finally, **re-read verses 17-18.** James lists the qualities that are intertwined with the "wisdom from above." *Is there one of these qualities that stands out to you more than the others? Is there someone in your life that has modeled this wisdom well? Take some time this week to let that person know you are thankful for their example and influence.*

*Close your time in prayer. Praise God for the fact that he allows us to join him in the good work that he is doing around us. Ask the Holy Spirit for patience and peace as we strive to display his wisdom by word and deed.*