

Community Group Discussion Guide

Sunday, June 29, 2025

Scripture: James 1:5-8



THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

Christians' lack of wisdom in life requires us to ask God in faith for wisdom.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION *(Use along with Reading: Ante Faciem Dei)*

1. Who is James' audience, and why is this important to keep in mind when reading his letter?
2. How is this text linked with verses 1-4?
3. What aspect of wisdom is James addressing in this passage? Why is this wisdom an indispensable ingredient to living a godly life?
4. Discuss the difference between wisdom, knowledge, and experience.
5. Where does James command Christians to turn when we lack wisdom (verse 5)? Why is that so difficult to do?
6. How can we be sure that God will give us the wisdom we need (verse 5; Romans 8:32)?
7. Does obtaining wisdom prevent/protect us from experiencing hardships in life?
8. What part does faith play in our requests for wisdom? How do we know if our requests or prayers are lacking faith (verse 6)?
9. Share times when you have been double-minded in your prayers and life (verse 6-7).
10. Discuss the following ways we can promote single-mindedness:
 - a. Be honest about your doubts and weaknesses in your prayers.
 - b. Seek the Lord's words and align your actions, attitudes, and affections with the Word of God.
 - c. Don't attempt to calculate or measure faith; instead, rest in, rely on, and expect the goodness, character, and sovereignty of the Lord to accomplish His will in all circumstances.

GOSPEL OBSERVATIONS

- The Gospel allows us to admit our need and lack of wisdom in life.
- Our God gives wisdom to those who ask – generously, graciously, and not grudgingly.
- The Gospel roots our hope singularly in the wisdom given to us from our God for conducting ourselves in and through this life.
- Seek gospel wisdom from the Word of God for everyday living.