

## CAC LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

James: Faith in Real Life - September 14, 2025

**Big Idea:** *Wisdom is knowing what to do with what you know and doing it*

**Ice Breaker:** What's one funny or unexpected solution you've ever seen someone come up with to solve a tricky problem?

### Key Points

*Take a few minutes to review the key points from this week's sermon.*

- Wisdom is more than knowledge; it's knowing what to do when the answer isn't obvious.
- True wisdom comes from God, who gives generously when we ask.
- Doubt and double-mindedness can hinder us from receiving God's wisdom.
- Wisdom is giving God's perspective the greatest weight in your life.
- Wisdom is seen in how we live - our actions, not just our words.
- The wisdom from heaven is pure, peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial, and sincere.

### Discussion Questions

*Based on the sermon, discuss the questions below.*

- What was your biggest takeaway? What stuck out the most or moved you on a personal level?
- Did anything bother you? What questions did you have?

### Making it Personal

*Review with your group the impact this week's sermon made on you personally.*

- Where in your life right now do you feel like you're facing a "mule in a hole"? A situation where the answer isn't obvious? In the past, how have you typically responded to these situations?
- Where are you tempted to be double-minded, trusting God in some areas but holding back in others? Are there areas where you are prioritizing your own perspective over His?
- We all have moments where doubt creeps in, even when we know God is faithful. Can you think of a time you really doubted Him, only to see Him come through anyway?
- How does your life display wisdom that is beautiful, relating to people in a way that moves beyond what is just technically good or correct?

### Scripture Review

*Revisit some of the scripture passages from this week and discuss the questions below.*

- **James 1:5-8, James 3:13-18:** What do these verses teach us about God's character and the way He gives wisdom? How does James contrast earthly wisdom with wisdom from above?
- **Proverbs 9:10:** What does this "fear" mean?

### Diving Deeper

*Use the verses below to explore other Scriptures that relate to this week's sermon passage. How do they align? Are there any apparent contradictions, and what could explain them?*

- **Old Testament:** 1 Kings 3:9–28, Proverbs 3:5–6, Ecclesiastes 7:12, Isaiah 11:2–3
- **New Testament:** Matthew 7:24–27, Colossians 1:9–10, Ephesians 5:15–17, James 4:13–17

## Application & Action

As we reflect on this week's message about wisdom, let's take some time to consider how Jesus Himself is inviting us to live it out. These questions will help us listen for His voice, walk in obedience, stay rooted in His Word, lean on others, and grow more like Him.

## Revisit the Word

- Read James 1:5-8 and 3:13-18 aloud again. Before you read this, sit quietly for a moment and ask: "Jesus, what do You want me to hear in this for my life right now?"

## Personal Reflection

- Take 2-3 minutes to think silently: "Where do I need wisdom right now, and how might Jesus be inviting me to seek His guidance instead of relying on my own understanding?" Write down one sentence or phrase from this time.

## Group Discussion

- **Listening to Jesus:** What's one area where you need wisdom right now, and how might Jesus want to shape your perspective? (Example: Thinking, "I have to figure this out on my own" → James 1:5 – If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God...)
- **Walking with Him:** What's one simple action step you could take this week to obey the wisdom God has already shown you? (Example: Instead of reacting harshly in conflict, choosing a gentle response — James 3:17.) How can you intentionally create space for Him to guide your actions?
- **Anchoring in His Word:** Which verse about God's wisdom will you hold on to this week, and how will you keep it in front of you daily?
- **Leaning on His People:** Who can you seek wisdom with this week, either by asking for prayer, or encouraging them with what God is teaching you?
- **Growing in His Likeness:** Which quality of Jesus' wisdom (humility, peace, gentleness, mercy) do you sense He wants to grow in you, and how can you cooperate with Him this week? (Example: Asking Jesus to help you be peace-loving in a tense relationship.)
- **Action Step:** Finish this sentence out loud: "This week, I will seek God's wisdom by..."

## Prayer

- Close your group time by praying over one another's action step. This can be short and simple. (Example: "Jesus, give [name] your wisdom in [thing]. Meet them with Your presence and guide them this week.")

## Daily 2-Minute Practice: Pause, Invite, Anchor

- **Pause** (30 seconds) Take a deep breath and quiet your mind. Ask Jesus to help you notice where you need his wisdom today: "Jesus, where in my life am I unsure, and I need your guidance?"
- **Invite** (1 minute) Bring one area of uncertainty or a tough decision to Him in prayer. Ask Him to correct any double-minded thinking and show you the next step. "Lord, I want to trust You fully in this situation. Help me see it the way You see it."
- **Anchor** (30 seconds) Pick one Scripture about wisdom to focus on for the day. Say it aloud or write it somewhere visible.