Better Wisdom

Text James 3:13-18

From the Message

The grace of God that we experience through Jesus teaches a better wisdom than the world offers. God's grace teaches us to live humbly, where the world validates jealousy and selfish ambition. In other words, God's people live humbly while the world works itself up.

Opening Interaction

A sage is a person in your life or character in a story who embodies wisdom, and usually has the ability to communicate wisdom to others. Who is your favorite sage person or character? Why do you find their wisdom so appealing?

Read the passage and Discuss

Read James 3:13 together. How might you apply this verse to your life, before considering the rest of the passage?

Read James 3:14-16. These warn against "bitter jealousy" and "selfish ambition." How does jealousy do damage to people? How does selfish ambition do damage to relationships?

Read James 3:17-18. How do each of these descriptions bring goodness into the world?

Jesus talked about this kind of better wisdom, too. Here are 3 passages for further study: Matthew 11:16-19 Matthew 12:33-37 Matthew 13:1-9 & 18-23

Encourage Each Other Through Prayer

Talk and pray together. What helps you live in the better wisdom of the gospel? How can this group pray for each other today?

Points for Prayer and Places for Information

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