



# LEADER LESSON

## JAMES 3:13,17



### LEADER TEACHER TIP:

When a student shares but is brief or very general in their answer/response, say:

- Tell us more about that!
- Unpack that for us...what does/would that look like in your life?

### INTRODUCTION (10 MINUTES):

#### PRAY

Open your time in prayer.

#### CHECKPOINT

NO Checkpoint this week.

#### ENGAGE

To view the engage video, please see the instructions stored on the back of the TV in your room.

### READ JAMES 3:13, 17

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (30 MINUTES):

1. What question does James ask in verse 13, and what is his answer?
  - *Answer: James asks, "Who is wise and understanding?" He says that we can tell who is wise by looking at how they live their life.*
2. Based on verse 13, how is James defining wisdom?
  - *Answer: James defines wisdom as not only knowing a lot of information; rather, wisdom is shown by how a person lives, humbly and according to God's word.*
3. Why does James point out humility as part of wisdom? Hint: Think about how Jesus lived.
  - *Answer: James believes that true wisdom involves putting others first, not being selfish or prideful, being slow to anger, and quick to overlook or forgive an offense.*
4. Share one area where you make decisions that glorify God and one area where you need improvement.
5. Look at verse 17, where does the wisdom James is talking about come from and what are the qualities that are listed?
  - *Answer: From heaven. Heavenly wisdom is pure, peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial, and sincere.*
6. How has your view of what it means to be wise changed after our discussion?
7. Which trait of heavenly wisdom do you want more of in your life? Which relationships would benefit from this change?

### CHECKPOINT CHALLENGE... how to apply this (10 MINUTES):

1. **New Believer:** Each morning, pray for God's help to make choices that show His wisdom and love, instead of just trying to fit in or be liked. Write down one specific thing you want to improve on and focus on it every day for a week.
2. **Seasoned Believer:** What is one area that you are struggling to live your life in a way that glorifies God? Find Bible verses about it, reflect on them for the next two weeks, and pray for guidance from the Holy Spirit.

## CLOSING PRAYER IDEA (10 MINUTES):

Pair up students (who do not know each other well) in 2's and have them spend 5-10 minutes sharing a praise & a prayer request; each student prays for the other student.

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## **DIVE DEEPER**

RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS WHO  
WANT TO DIVE DEEPER AFTER TONIGHT

### BIBLE PROJECT VIDEO

### FURTHER SCRIPTURE TO EXPLORE:

- Deuteronomy 4:5-6
- Philippians 1:27a,
- Matthew 7:24-27

