



A STUDY OF JAMES

HOW FAITH WORKS IN WISDOM

How Faith Works-Part 7: *How Faith Works in Wisdom*

James 3:13-4:10

Tips for using this discussion guide.

Purpose

The primary purpose of this discussion guide is to reinforce and deepen the lessons of a Grace Church sermon series.

Tips

- ▶ **Set the Tone:** Help create a relaxed, welcoming, expectant environment for God by greeting and learning about each other.
- ▶ **Pray:** Pray at the beginning of each meeting as well as between meetings.
- ▶ **Balance the Communication Flow:** As a group leader or a member, give opportunities for each person to engage in the discussion, instead of dominating the conversation.
- ▶ **Select the Questions:** It is not necessary to discuss all the questions or to discuss them in order. You may begin with the question that you believe will generate the most meaningful discussion for your group.
- ▶ **Say, "I Don't Know":** The group leader does not need to have all the answers. Saying "I don't know" is an acceptable answer in small group meetings.

Discussion Questions

1. Read James 3:13-18.
 - Read 1Corinthians 13:1-3. What is more important than being filled with knowledge?
 - Read Ephesians 4:1-3 and Colossians 1:9-10. In what ways can we 'walk worthy'? Pause as a group and pray that your group and Grace Church walk worthy of God.
2. Read James 4:1-3, Proverbs 1:28-31, and 1John 3:21-22. What are some reasons that God does not always give us our request?
3. Read James 4:4-7, Proverbs 21:30-31, and 1John 2:15-17. What are some ways we may find ourselves being friends with the world system that is inherently against God? In what way does this damage our relationship with God?
4. Read James 4:8-10, 2Corinthians 7:1, and Psalm 73:28. What does it take for God to draw near to us?