

FAITH AND WISDOM

JAMES 1:5-11

SERMON POINTS

The two things that need to change for us to ask for wisdom in the right way.

1. Our View of God
2. Our Pursuit of God
 - a. Danger #1 “The Wind” (Being too double-minded)
 - b. Danger #2 “The Sun” (Being too single-minded in the wrong direction)

MAIN IDEA: We all need wisdom and want to know what God’s will is for our lives. But we believe that God is withholding from us. James tells us that God’s wisdom is free for the asking (Read vs. 5). The problem is not with God but with us. We are double minded or single minded toward the wrong goal. The answer is...

True wisdom: Commit to being wholeheartedly devoted to the God who already is wholeheartedly devoted to you.

*GROUP LEADERS>dont’ forget to read the passage as a group before you begin. Encourage your members to open the Bible on their phone or a hard copy.

QUESTIONS

Q: Read 1:5 Is this generally how you view God when you come to him in prayer (giving totally generously without “finding fault”). Or do you have a different view of God when you want/need something?

Q: What is one area of your life where you are looking for wisdom? Does it feel like you are being pushed around by the wind? How would you describe it?

Q: Tough question: If some of you are willing to answer: What is the one “Doubt” or “Question” you keep returning to? How are you doing with balancing that with your faith (while still having that question)

Q: What would the “Sun” be for you? Ie. Where are you most tempted to be single-minded in your pursuit (when it’s not God himself?) Example given is “Riches” or “poverty”...what is it for you?