

JAMES

Wisdom for the Everyday Stuff of Life

DNA GUIDE

WEEK 13: WISDOM FOR PRAYER

DISCOVER (PRE-WORK)

Before and while you read these passages ask the Spirit of God to illuminate your heart and mind and bring conviction and clarity of his truth for your life. Take some time during you own personal study to read through these four key questions:

1. Who is God (what does this passage tell me about God's character)?
2. What Has God Done (how do I see God's character in action here)?
3. Who Am I (how does God's character and action shape how I see myself)?
4. What Do I Do (if I believe 1-3 how would I respond and relate to others)?

Scripture: James 5:13-20

QUESTION: What did you DISCOVER during your study?

NURTURE

Confess out loud to one another areas of personal struggle or unbelief that the Spirit revealed during your personal study.

In light of this week's sermon, consider these questions together:

1. Which of the problems mentioned in the passage are you currently dealing with?
What solutions have you been trying?
2. Which of James' solutions challenges you the most to actually live out and why?
3. Have you ever experienced a community that lived out this vision of mutual dependence? What was great about it? What was always hard?

4. In what areas do you find it difficult to walk in honest weakness? Why?
5. Trace back those difficulties to a root belief that might be causing the insecurity that dissuades you from being weak with your community. What is that root belief? Is it true?

During this time, let each person share how or where they need to repent and believe the truth of God revealed to them in Jesus. You may need to guide each other to what is true of God and ourselves in light of what Jesus has done. For instance, someone may be experiencing a great deal of dryness or emptiness in their relationship with God. They may need to be reminded that God wants to satisfy the deep thirst of their soul with the living water that Jesus has to offer. The call to repent may look like turning away (repent) from empty sources or corrupt sources that they have been depending up and turning to Jesus (believe) to be the unending supply of soul water. Use this time for confessing out loud the wrong sources and calling out in prayer for God the Father to pour His love into their hearts through his Spirit as they turn to Jesus for help.

QUESTION: How will you REPENT and BELIEVE the gospel?

ACT

In light of your time together, what steps will you take to act on your new discoveries and affirmed beliefs?

Consider these questions:

1. This week, how will you apply James' solutions to the problems you are facing?
2. What are some practices that you've experienced in previous healthy groups that you could begin to live out in your current MC?
3. This week, how will you walk in weakness in the areas you said were difficult above?
4. How will you remind yourself of those false root beliefs this week when you feel yourself projecting false strength?
5. Who in your life needs you to pursue them? How will you do that this week?

QUESTION: What will you DO and who will you TELL about what God has done?