

# JAMES

*Wisdom for the Everyday Stuff of Life*

# DNA GUIDE

## WEEK 8: WISDOM PRODUCES FRUIT

### 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 your 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 3:13-18; Proverbs 9:10; Genesis 3:1-21**

*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. In light of your reading, what questions come to mind and what key issues are being surfaced that you need to process with your DNA group?
2. Where do you see in your life the evidence of living with worldly wisdom in your relationships or situations? What are the consequences you've observed?

3. Where have you experienced wisdom that is from above either in your life or in relating to another?

4. Where do you need to turn to God to receive wisdom for a relationship or situation?

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. Where you lack wisdom from above, you need to guide each other to turn to Jesus as wisdom from God (1 Corinthians 1:24). Remember wisdom is pure, peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. Jesus is all of this in our place and can bring all of this into our lives. Speak how Jesus is this for us and then encourage one another to ask him change your hearts. For instance, Jesus is pure and in his death he paid for your sins so you might also be pure. Ask him to enable you to put on his mind of purity so that you see people as image bearers to love and not objects to use, manipulate or control.

*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. Which of your relationships do you want to receive wisdom from above so that you can love like Jesus loved you?
2. What will godly wisdom look like as you step out in faith in Jesus in this relationship?
3. What conversations do you need to have in light of our time together?
4. How can we pray for each other to receive wisdom from above? Take time to do that together.

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