

JAMES

Wisdom for the Everyday Stuff of Life

DNA GUIDE

WEEK 9: WISDOM FOR LIVING IN THE WORLD

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 4:1-12; 1 John 3:11-12; Isaiah 54:5-6; Jeremiah 3:20; 2 Corinthians 7:9-10

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. As you think about your relationships and accept that the problem isn't just "out there" but "in here", what wars are going on inside of you and why?

3. What frustrated passions or misdirected desires are causing external brokenness in your life and relationships?
4. God's grace is greater than our sin of murderous thoughts, adulterous false worship and breaking His law of love. Where do you presently need to humble yourself, submit to God, be cleansed, mourn and experience God lift you back up?

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. Take time to confess the internal war in the passion center of their hearts. Acknowledge to one another how this is bringing destruction or brokenness to relationships. Help one another identify the unbelief or wrong belief informing or misdirecting their passions. Then, remind each other of the gospel and pray to God in humble submission for his transforming work in your hearts to occur.

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. What truth about God and his work in Jesus Christ will you regularly rehearse to remind you that his grace is greater than your sin?
2. In what relationship will you begin to apply what you are learning?
3. What specific behaviors do you believe godly sorrow over sin is producing in you (See 2 Corinthians 7:9-10)?
4. How can we be praying for each others' internal battles?

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