

# The Book

## of James

### LEADER CONVERSATION GUIDE—WEEK SIX

#### MAIN IDEA

James 3:13-18 shows us that when we experience the life-change of God living inside of us, we can have wisdom from heaven, even in the midst of chaos. Let's reject the world's way of looking for solutions, prepare our hearts to receive wisdom from heaven, and become peacemakers both in our lives and in the world around us.

#### MAKE IT PRACTICAL

- The wise have a pure heart and love peace. First, we must consider what might be contaminating our hearts so that we can take steps to purify them. A pure heart will allow us to be wise in all other areas. Then, we need to adopt a peace-loving spirit. Conflict cannot continue without our participation.
- The wise consider others and are willing to yield. Let's consider other people's views and be open to discussion when forming our opinions.
- The wise minimize the mistakes of others and are authentic. We need to extend mercy rather than judge others. We also need to practice authenticity by allowing people to know who we really are.

**“BUT THE WISDOM THAT COMES FROM HEAVEN IS FIRST OF ALL PURE; THEN PEACE-LOVING, CONSIDERATE, SUBMISSIVE, FULL OF MERCY AND GOOD FRUIT, IMPARTIAL AND SINCERE. PEACEMAKERS WHO SOW IN PEACE REAP A HARVEST OF RIGHTEOUSNESS.”**

*JAMES 3:17-18*

#### TALK ABOUT IT

1. What contaminates your heart? Discuss areas in your life that need to be “cleaned out,” so that you can have a pure heart.
2. What do you need to stop bringing up? Discuss how showing mercy towards others can bring peace to your life and relationships.

3. What do you tend to hide from others? If you need some time to think about it and would rather discuss this one-on-one rather than in the group, be sure to reach out to a friend to talk through your answer to this question this week.

## **“WE CAN GET WISDOM FROM HEAVEN THAT WE CAN NEVER GET ON OUR OWN.”**

### **PRAYER**

God, we surrender our hearts and minds to You and ask for Your wisdom. We need supernatural help to be wise in the chaos of today's world. Help us to be peacemakers and do our part to heal our land!

### **LEADER TIPS**

- Take note of any group members who are stepping up to take other group members out to lunch, pray for them, etc. Their next step may be to attend Small Group Leadership Training.
- Don't forget: Small Group is more than just one meeting a week. Text your group members when the Holy Spirit brings them to mind. Mid-week, use your group text or GroupMe to check in to see how everyone is doing.