

## **Growth Group Homework**

July 13th, 2014

Sermon Series: The Walk of Faith

Sermon Title: The Way of Wisdom

Sermon Texts: James 3:13-18

Preacher: Rod Bender

Take a few minutes to review the sermon outline from Sunday. Then answer the following questions, looking up Scripture verses where noted. Feel free to refer to other verses you may know that address the issue being considered.

### **Getting to Know You**

Share about an event, or life experience, that has helped you increase in wisdom?

### **Digging Deeper**

1. Compare James 3:17 with Galatians 5:22-25 and answer: What similarities can you find between heavenly wisdom and the Fruit of the Spirit?
2. Jesus encouraged people to come and learn from him because he was “gentle and humble in heart” (Matt. 11:29). Paul asserted his authority as an apostle and teacher after invoking “the meekness and gentleness of Christ” (2 Cor. 10:1). Why do you think humility or meekness is such an essential sign of wisdom?

3. Find all the verses from 1 Corinthians 1:10-2:16 that refer to wisdom and answer the following questions:

- a. What is the difference between the wisdom of the world and the wisdom from above?
- b. What is the role of the Holy Spirit when it comes to wisdom?

### **Making it Personal**

4. What damage can bitter envy do to you? What about selfish ambition? What kind of bitter envy or selfish ambition do you tend to hold in your heart?
5. What can you do this week to seek God’s wisdom? Be very specific. Can you start doing it right now?
6. What can you do this week to plant peace in a relationship or situation which has been troubling you?

### **Prayer**