

## Applying It In My Life .....Group time - 15 minutes

1. In what areas has the world taught you to think strategically (only results based) instead of with godly wisdom (considering motives, means and results)?
2. Think of some recent actions or words of your own that were tainted by bad motivations or were carried out in harmful ways. What were the results? How can you work to repair the damage?
3. Take time to read and soak in these scriptures: **Job 28:28; Psalm 119:9-16; Proverbs 8:12; Romans 8:5-8; Philippians 2:1-11; James 1:5-8.** What do you see in these that is missing from your life?
4. Proverbs 2:1-6 lists 3 areas for gaining wisdom. What are some concrete practices in these areas that you need to incorporate into your regular life?

SCRIPTURE

COUNSEL

PRAYER

### ACTIVE FAITH ACTION STEP | WEEK 06

Use this week to put a microscope on your motives and the manner in which you carry out your words and actions.

## Prayer Time .....Group time - 15 minutes

*Thank God for showing and offering you His kind of wisdom. Repent of acting and speaking out of earthly wisdom. Spend some time praying that God will give each of you heavenly wisdom and its fruit.*

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## ***The Life that's Wise*** ***James 3:13-18***

# GROWTH GROUP HOMEWORK

Week of February 26, 2017

## Getting Started .....Group time - 20 minutes

1. What are some of your favorite sources for gaining knowledge and information? What are good sources for gaining wisdom?
2. Name one person that you consider wise. What do you see in their life that shows wisdom?

FOR GROWTH GROUP TIME

## Getting Into God's Word .....Group time - 40 minutes

### Read James 3:13

1. James starts with a tough question, "*Who is wise and understanding among you?*" How would you respond? In what way does James want us to answer his question?
2. Why is meekness (or humility) an essential attribute of true godly wisdom?

### Read James 3:14-16

3. List the characteristics of "*earthly wisdom*":

Motives:

Sources:

Results:

4. Why does envy and selfish ambition lead to problems? How have you seen bad motivations ruin "right" actions and lead to greater harm?

### Read James 3:17-18

5. List the characteristics of "*wisdom from above*":

Motives:

Manner:

Source:

Results:

6. In our section, the peacemaker (3:18) is contrasted with the disorder maker (3:16). In light of this entire passage, what do you think it means to be a peacemaker?

### Read Proverbs 2:1-6

7. According Proverbs, how are we supposed to gain wisdom?