Wise Up

Small Group Discussion Questions

James 3:13-18

1. True wisdom is not proven by how much we know but by how we live, and it always shows up wrapped in humility. Think of someone you consider truly wise. What is it about the way they carry themselves that makes their wisdom so easy to trust?

2. God never has to go looking for wisdom because He is its source, and He generously shares it through Jesus, His Spirit, and His Word. Where do you usually turn first when you need direction? What would it look like to make God's Word your first stop instead of your last resort?

3. Jealousy and selfish ambition can quietly convince us that we are the victim, that we deserve the spotlight, or that our own version of the truth is enough. Which of these tends to creep into your heart most easily? What usually triggers it?

4. The world offers plenty of wisdom that sounds reasonable but leaves God completely out of the picture. What is a popular piece of advice or mindset in our culture that seems wise on the surface but pulls us away from God? How can we recognize it when we hear it?

5. Wisdom from above is pure, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy, and sincere, reflecting the very character of Jesus. Which of these qualities comes most naturally to you, and which one do you most need God to grow in you right now?

6. Peacemakers do more than avoid conflict; they actively sow peace and trust God to bring a harvest of righteousness. Is there a relationship in your life where you could take a step toward making peace this week? What might that first step look like?

Takeaway: Your input determines your output. If you don’t like your output, then change your input.