



NO NONSENSE CHRISTIANITY

Life Group Notes – Part 3 (How to wise up)

James 1:5-8

- Who is the wisest person you know? What makes them wise?
- What does the word “wisdom” mean in scripture? (1 Kings 3:9-12, Psalm 111:10, Proverbs 1:1-7) What particular aspect of wisdom James talking about?
- What is the connection between wisdom (1:5) and endurance (1:2-4)?
- Charles Swindoll writes “James is referring to the ability to view a test from God’s perspective. Without this kind of wisdom, the ability to endure becomes elusive, and the goal of maturity may never be reached” How does gaining God’s perspective aid us in maturity?
- How do get wisdom from God? (1 John 5:15, Colossians 1:9, Matthew 21:22)
- What prevents us from asking God for wisdom? (Proverbs 11:12)
- Read Matthew 7:7-11, what does this teach us about God?
- John Blanchard writes “God does not give according to our worthiness or gratitude, nor does he withhold from blessing us because we ask too much or too often. His giving is governed by his nature, not ours.” Are you ever fearful of God’s response you speak to him? What does James say? (James 1:5)
- If God came to you and said “Ask for whatever you want me to give you.” How would you respond? How did Solomon respond when he was asked this question? (2 Chronicles 1:8-10)
- Why do you think God was so pleased with his answer? (2 Chronicles 1:11-12)
- Read James 1:6-8, in what ways do we demonstrate ‘doubt’ in God?
- Do you ever feel like the man in Mark 9:21-24 who responds to Jesus “I do believe; help me with my unbelief”?
- James says those who doubt are unstable in all they do! Do you recognise any instability in your own life, spiritual or otherwise? What can we do about it?
- What reason does Paul give us for trusting in God? (Romans 8:31-32)