

Sermon Outline

James Series: Bonafide, Part 6: Wisdom from Above (3:13-4:5)

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Main Idea: John Leconte helps us to see that being a bonafide Christian means that because we are filled with the Spirit of God we have ongoing access to Wisdom from above and our lifestyle should reflect our allegiance to Christ.

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1. Wisdom is humble
2. Wisdom pursues peace

Key Text/Quotes:

"But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace." -James 3:17-18

"Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven."

-Matthew 18:104

"When pride, arrogance, selfish passions, bitter jealousy and envy control your life, the result is turmoil within your own soul, and it spills over into the community where you live."

-John Leconte

Fellowship Starters:

1. Read James 3:13-4:5 and open in prayer.
2. John opened his sermon asking, "What are you passionate about?" Ask your group what they are passionate about and then ask people to humbly share if there are times where their passion is misplaced (meaning they are more passionate about defending their passion rather than loving God and others).
3. John said, "wisdom is a lifestyle that is pleasing to God." (this is clear from verse 13: *"Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom"*). Since Jesus is our ultimate wisdom (Colossians 2:3), has empowered us with the Holy Spirit, and has given us His divine and perfect Word, discuss the positive fruits that James encourages the church to be expressed in our lives (found in verses 17-18 above),
4. Close in prayer for one another that our lives might more and more reflect our allegiance to Jesus and a life pleasing to Him in humility and peace.

