

James – Overcoming Conflict

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James 3:13 – 4:3

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Reflection & Discussion Questions

How we handle conflict is more important than ever

Conflict is ever present.

Read and discuss James 3:13(ESV)

13 Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom.

*What do the words wisdom and meekness mean here?

Wisdom is the lens through which we look at something

James shows us two different wisdom lenses.

Read and discuss James 3:14-18(ESV)

14 But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. 15 This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. 16 For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. 17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. 18 And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

*What does this passage say about wisdom? How do the two lenses differ?

*What is the connection between God made wisdom and humility?

*What examples of these two types of wisdom have you seen in your life?

*How can you shift from self-focused to God-focused wisdom?

If we want to be people who make peace around us, we have to let Jesus deal with some piece inside us

The core issue has to do with my own passions within me.

Read and discuss James 4:1-3(ESV)

4 What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? 2 You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. 3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.

*How do our passions play out in conflict?

*What does it mean to 'ask wrongly'?

*What are some ways to align our passions with Gods?

*Is there a conflict in your life he's inviting you to use God focused wisdom in?

Join us as we read through the book of James this fall as a church

[James Reading Plan](#)

October 18th-24th

James 4:1-17

Visual reflection (Visio Divina)* [Dove](#) by Sharon Cummings

Song for reflection [Will We Ever Rise?](#) by The Brilliance

*Visio divina – a thoughtful and slow way of contemplating a visual prompt like a piece of art, photograph or image and inviting God to speak to you through it. First, focus on the detail that your eyes are drawn to right away – keep focus there and pay attention to what thoughts and emotions you are having. Then, look at the entire image and consider it as a whole, being aware of thoughts, questions and emotions it provokes. End in silence and prayer, considering your experience and anything you feel called to respond to.