

SERMON OUTLINE James 1:5-8

You Need Wisdom. Ask God for It

WE NEED WISDOM BUT WE DON'T HAVE IT

WISDOM IS PRECIOUS AND SO WE MUST SEEK IT FROM GOD

Wisdom Is Extremely Precious

True Wisdom Is Found in God Alone

GOD GIVES WISDOM TO ALL WHO ASK HIM FOR IT

God Gives Wisdom Generously

God Gives Wisdom Without Reproach

WE MUST SEEK WISDOM IN FAITH

It Does Not Doubt

It Is Single-Minded

It Is Stable

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MAIN POINT

In simplest terms, here's the heart of this passage and sermon: Knowing how to obey any of God's commands, and especially the one about counting every trial as all joy, requires wisdom not native to us. Graciously, in our passage for this morning, we find a promise from God to give wisdom to all who seek it from Him in faith.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. Have you ever felt wise? Why? What was the situation and result?
3. When do you usually feel the greatest need for wisdom? What do you usually do? Where do you usually go for advice? What kind of question do you usually ask? What's the most confused you've ever been?
4. Can you honestly say that your main aim is to honor God in every part of your life? How often do you feel like you know how to do that?
5. Before hearing this sermon, where would you have ranked wisdom among the most valuable things you can have?
6. Do you feel like God has kept the promise James made—to give wisdom generously to all who seek it in Him? What has your experience been in seeking wisdom from God?
7. Have you ever been skeptical that God would grant you wisdom? What was that like?
8. In what way do you most clearly see the greatness of God in this passage?

AREAS OF APPLICATION

9. Pray and ask God to help you do all things for His glory, to seek wisdom in Him alone, and to grow in your appreciation for the preciousness of divine wisdom..
10. Spend time each day reading the Bible and come to Berea every week to help you understand the wisdom God gives.
11. Memorize at least one passage in the Bible that speaks of the preciousness of divine wisdom.
12. Ask at least one Christian to help you find biblical passages that speak to a specific situation you're in this week.
13. Tell one non-Christian the good news that there is a God who has all wisdom this week.
14. What is one specific thing you mean to do differently in the power of the Spirit as a result of the things you saw or heard in this text or sermon?

PRAYER POINTS

15. Adoration. Praise God for His omniscience. Praise God for His generosity and patience in giving wisdom.
16. Confession. Confess any places you've sought wisdom outside of God. Confess any areas of your life in which you are not seeking to honor God in. Confess any doubt you have in God's wisdom or willingness to give it.
17. Thanksgiving. Thank God for His Word, Spirit, and people as means of delivering His wisdom. Thank God for His perfect promises and perfect keeping of them.
18. Supplication. Ask God to give wisdom to someone who is going through a challenging time. Ask God to save a non-Christian in your life. Ask God to give wisdom to your elders that they might lead the church well. Ask God to give you wisdom.