

SVQ Guide Week 5
James 3:1-12

Scripture, Video, Questions (SVQ)

Session 1 SVQ

- Read James 3:13-16
- Video Teaching
- Leader Wisdom
- Questions
 - **LEADERS:** There's no pressure to get through all the questions, we suggest prayerfully planning your choices for your group. Your leadership of sharing and
 - **What's the difference between knowledge and wisdom?** (Knowledge is asking God, "What should I do?" Wisdom is asking God, "Who am I to become?" Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Most of us don't get "burning bush" moments. We pray, guess and go. Trust God. Do whatever He tells you to and trust HIM with the consequences.)
 - **Share a time you've received wisdom from God or a time that you had to pray, guess, and go. How did the outcome shape your faith?**
 - **Read James 3:13-16. Where in your life do you struggle with comparison?** (Warning signs include... You're tempted to brag or lie about yourself. You can't celebrate other people's wins. You think, "You didn't get it right, God." You have difficulty appreciating God's blessings in your life. Envy may even lead you to think, "Not only do I want what you have, I'd rather you not have it.")
 - **Explain how "comparison" is a lose-lose scenario.** (Comparison can only lead to pride - at least I'm better than that guy, or condemnation - I'm not good enough. Comparison is earthly: it keeps your view horizontal, without your eye on the LORD. It treats people like commodities to be used and cast aside. Comparison is unspiritual. Comparison is demonic: the enemy only wants to kill, steal, and destroy.)
 - **When Rev Graham spoke about where jealousy starts and then where jealousy leads, where there any moments in your life where you allowed jealousy to start in your heart and then it lead to something vastly different?** (Sometimes, allowing God to speak through moments of weakness will reflect Him more.)

Session 2 SVQ

- Read James 3:17-18
- Video Teaching
- Leader Wisdom
- Questions
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- **How does your relationship with Jesus help you avoid and escape jealousy and selfishness?** (If comparison kills, worship and gratitude cures. When we worship and express our gratitude to Jesus it's almost impossible to be jealous or selfish at the same time.)
- **Read Philippians 2:3**
Who comes to mind when you read this verse? (Whether it's someone who does this well or someone you should treat better, ask the Holy Spirit to help you in your relationship with them this week.)
- **How can you live out Philippians 2:3 in your daily life?** (A great example of this is how we treat the bride at her wedding. It's not about you. It's about her. Practice treating your family, friends and others as if they're the person you most admire most.)

Session 3 SVQ

- Read James 4:1-3, 5:19-20
- Video Teaching
- Leader Wisdom
- Questions
 - **LEADERS:** There's no pressure to get through all the questions, we suggest prayerfully planning your choices for your group. Your leadership of sharing and questioning will determine how deep your group goes with each question.
 - **Think back to your last couple of arguments to answer James's question: "What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you?"** (James 4:2 says, "You desire and do not have..." What did you want and didn't get?)
 - **Share a fight you've had and how you were able to resolve it.**
 - **James 4:3 says, "You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions." How do you ask God wrongly and rightly?** (The Psalms show you can bring everything to God, even your anger, fear and doubts. God wants your honest, authentic prayers. However, James says the wrong way to ask God is to make it all about you and your hedonistic (pleasure) desires. The right way to ask God is "thy will be done.")
 - **Do you ask God and pray to Him with the same intensity as you fight? How can you?** (You can follow the example Jesus gave us in the Garden of Gethsemane. He prayed so intensely he sweated blood. He asked for what He wanted, but he also prayed, "...Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will." Mark 14:36. Jesus tells us to continue to pray, ask and knock. The answer may be yes, no, not yet, or even something else. We have faith that He knows what's best and that only He meets our deepest desires. No human or thing can.)
 - **Read James 5:19-20, What keeps you from forgiving others easily?**
 - **Why are you called to forgive and/or reconcile with others?** (Jesus commands you to forgive because He forgave you. It requires nothing from the person you're forgiving.)