

# PEOPLE OF FAITH WALK IN WISDOM FROM ABOVE

## **BIG TRUTH: PEOPLE OF FAITH WALK IN WISDOM FROM ABOVE**

Colossians 3:2; 1 Corinthians 1:30; 2:7, 14-16

### **BIBLE VERSE: JAMES 3:13-14**

*“Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth.”*

### **BIG IDEAS**

- Wisdom from above is pure, peaceable, and gentle.
- Wisdom from above is reasonable, merciful, and truthful.
- Wisdom from above is impartial and sincere.

### **BIBLE PASSAGE: JAMES 3:13-18**

### **TRANSFORM: LIVING FOR JESUS**

In High School, the Transform Year is an exploration of what it looks like to have transformed influence as we seek to live for a Kingdom that is greater than our own. First, we recognize that we will never be transformed if we are not Living for Jesus. To do this, we must first know who Jesus is by looking at who He says He is (John 8:58), and then look at what the Bible says about how in Him, we live by faith (James 1:6). Next, we recognize that to have transformed influence means that we must live as disciples in pursuit of Christ and His Kingdom over ourselves and our own kingdoms.

### **SERIES AIMS**



#### **Every student should know...**

- God is a God of compassion and mercy.
- We are prone to self-deception.
- If our faith does not have works, it is dead.



#### **Every student should feel...**

- Joy, even in trials, because of God's goodness.
- Thankful for every good and perfect gift from the Father.
- Responsible to use their influence for Jesus alone.



#### **Every student should strive to...**

- Read the entire book of James.
- Memorize the Bible verse each week.
- Reject and repent of faith without works.



#### **Every student should want...**

- To grow in their understanding of biblical faith.
- To practice religion based on what Scripture says, not the world, culture, or our feelings.
- To know and generously show mercy.

### **FAMILY WORKOUT:**

This week we will ponder how to discuss worldly wisdom versus God's wisdom with our son or daughter. We will pray for their hearts to desire God's wisdom. We will lead them to practice pursuing God's wisdom in their daily lives.

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**Read James 3:13-18 and answer these questions to help you study and discuss the book of James with your son or daughter:**

- Read verse 13 of chapter 3 and consider the connection James is making to our works revealing our faith. How does the wisdom we use reveal the faith we have? What does it mean to have “works in the meekness of wisdom”?
- Compare the world’s wisdom with God’s wisdom. How is God’s wisdom pure and impartial?
- Why should God’s people be people who pursue peace? How does God’s wisdom help His people pursue peace?

**Read and meditate on James 3:13-18 this week.**

- Ponder how you can discuss with your son or daughter what the world’s wisdom looks like compared to God’s wisdom. How can you help them understand the way we naturally follow the world’s wisdom?
- How can you model seeking and pursuing God’s wisdom?
- Consider how to help your son or daughter understand the ways that he or she can follow God’s wisdom over the world’s wisdom.



**Set aside time each day to pray with your son or daughter this week.**

- Pray for the Holy Spirit to help your son or daughter to grow in the wisdom of the Lord.
- Pray with your student this week. Model asking the Holy Spirit to guide your student to resist following the wisdom of the world.



**Help your son or daughter memorize James 3:13-14.**

- Spend time each day helping them review the verses.
- Discuss with your son or daughter some ways that the current cultural trends and ideas are all following the wisdom of the world. Help your son or daughter evaluate how to use God’s wisdom to interpret them correctly.
- Discuss with your student ways that he or she is tempted to follow the wisdom of the world. Commit to helping them overcome these ways.