



WEEK 8 (July 26, 2015)

INTRODUCTION

Looking for faith that applies and works in the real world? Join us this summer as we make our way through the concise, action-oriented, New Testament book of James. Written by the half-brother of Jesus, the book of James simply and directly challenges us to live out our faith in practical ways. Invite a friend to take this journey with you – a journey to a place where **life is elevated** because active faith leads us to new heights with God.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is the most embarrassing thing you have ever said (whether it was on purpose or on accident)?
2. Read James 3:13-18. How does James' definition of wisdom differ from how we normally think of wisdom?
3. James says in verse 14 to not be "false to the truth" or "cover up the truth." What is the "truth" that James is referring to?
4. Have you ever seen what James describes in verses 14-16 in a church community? What was that like?
5. What is one area in your life where you really need God's kind of wisdom that James describes here?

Note: each week during this series, we'll post a challenge on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram using the hashtag #heightschallenge to pass along a specific challenge from that week's message. Feel free to incorporate that challenge into your group discussion!

If you are wise and understand God's ways, prove it by living an honorable life, doing good works with the humility that comes from wisdom

-James 3:13

READ THE BIBLE WITH US!

In 2015, we are encouraging everyone to read through the entire Bible! To help you with that, you will find the suggested daily passages listed here each Sunday throughout 2015. There are also several similar plans online at www.Bible.com. After each day's reading, answer these questions in your mind or preferably, in a journal. Question: *What one thing from today's reading sticks out the most? What might God be trying to communicate to me as a result?*

July 19: Psalm 28-30; Acts 21:1-14

July 20: Psalm 31-33; Acts 21:15-40

July 21: Psalm 34-35; Acts 22

July 22: Psalm 36-37; Acts 23:1-11

July 23: Psalm 38-40; Acts 23:12-35

July 24: Psalm 41-43; Acts 24

July 25: Psalm 44-46; Acts 25

July 26: Psalm 47-49; Acts 26