

The River Church

50/50 Bible Study Challenge - Week 29

James 3

Memory Verse: James 3:17 (NASB95): 17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy.

Talking points:

Verse 1-12

-Why is a teacher judged harsher than others? What judgement is the author referring to?

-How can we guard against failure as a teacher?

-What is the hardest thing to control in the whole body?

-Is it the indicator of your spiritual and emotional wellbeing? What does Christ teach in Matthew 12:34?

-What is the author saying is the empowering factor of the tongue in verse 6? Is he referring to Christian's and if so, how does this happen?

-Can you relate to these verses in your own life? How do you combat it?

-What hypocrisy is the author referring to in verse 9?

-In verse 10-12 the author uses paradoxes in the natural to show a paradox in the Spiritual. Does blessing and cursing coming out of the same mouth seem as paradoxical as a fig tree producing olives? If not, why?

Verse 13-18

-After reading these five verses. What is the fruit or characteristics of living a wise life?

-Verse 14-16 states that if there are things unbecoming in a believer, we shouldn't try to cover it up. Why is this an important verse?

-Who should we reveal it to?

-How does a sin of the flesh become demonic? Is this true for a believer's life?

-What steps do we take to remove these things out of our lives once we become aware of them? Can we apply these same steps to other places where we fall short?

-After reading these verses how would you define Wisdom?

James 1:5 says James 1:5 (NLT): 5 If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking.

-So, what should we expect to receive from God when we ask for wisdom?

-Do you think wisdom is as valuable of a gift as one of the fruits of the Spirit?