



LifeGroup Discussion Packet

Building a Strong, Christ-Centered Family

Series: What Matters Most

James 3:13-18, 4:1-10

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Main Idea:

Strong families are shaped by God's wisdom, strengthened by humility, and sustained by surrender.

Key Verse:

"And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace." James 3:18

Warm-Up Question:

What is one small habit or attitude that you think can change the atmosphere in a home for better or for worse?

Discussion Questions

1. James 3:13-18 contrasts earthly wisdom with wisdom from above. What are some everyday signs that a family or relationship is being shaped by earthly wisdom instead of God's wisdom?
2. Read James 3:17. Which phrase in this verse stands out to you most right now... pure, peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy, impartial, or sincere? Why?
3. This weekend's message emphasized that "biblical wisdom is not just something you know, it is something people feel when they live around you." How have you seen that play out positively or negatively in family life?
4. Read James 4:1-2. Why is it easier to blame outside circumstances for conflict instead of honestly admitting what may be "ruling inside us"?
5. Joseph had every reason to seek revenge, yet he chose humility and left room for God's grace and purpose to work (Genesis 37; 45:5; 50:20). What does Joseph's example teach us about healing family wounds, conflict, or betrayal?

6. One of the key lines from the message was, “Pride asks, ‘How do I win this?’ Humility asks, ‘How do I heal this?’” In what kinds of family situations is that difference most important?

7. Read James 4:7-10. What does surrender to God actually look like in a family setting? What is the difference between trying harder and truly drawing near to God?

Going Deeper

The message highlighted this truth... “A family cannot be Christ-centered if the people in it remain self-centered.” Where do you sense God inviting you to move from self-protection, pride, or control into humility and surrender this week?

Next Step

This week, ask God to show you one specific way to help bring wisdom, humility, or surrender into your home or closest relationships. It may be an apology, a softer tone, a listening ear, a prayer, or a step toward peace. As you draw near to God, He can begin to change the atmosphere around you.