

FUSION Q's... Making Wise Choices in a Foolish World 5: The Secret Wisdom of God Revealed

Discussion Questions (30 – 40 minutes)

Q1. After 5 weeks of talking about wise choices, have you noticed a difference in the choices you've been making? Why or why not?

Q2. Have you thought about letting God decide what kind of person you should be? What have you decided? Explain.

Read James 3:13-18 (p.736)

Q3. What is the evidence that a person is wise?

Q4. How does true wisdom give someone humility?

Q5. All of us struggle with both envy and selfishness. James says that these things are unspiritual and demonic. How has envy and selfishness been destructive in your life?

Q6. What is the difference between living an envious and selfish lifestyle and struggling with envy and selfishness?

Q7. Is it possible to get rid of envy and selfishness and receive the "pure" wisdom that God has for us? How can one do that?

Read Ephesians 5:1-2, 15-18 (p.706)

Q8. Why do you think it is important for people to imitate God? Is that possible? If so, what would imitating God actually look like in real life?

Q9. Many people accept that they are making foolish choices yet they seem unconcerned about it. If foolish choices are guaranteed to ruin your life, shouldn't people be very worried about them?

Q10. How can a person understand what God wants you to do?

Bible Passages for Fusion Discussion

James 3:13-18 (NLT – p.736)

¹³ 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. ¹⁴ But if you are bitterly jealous and there is selfish ambition in your heart, don't cover up the truth with boasting and lying. ¹⁵ For jealousy and selfishness are not God's kind of wisdom. Such things are earthly, unspiritual, and demonic. ¹⁶ For wherever there is jealousy and selfish ambition, there you will find disorder and evil of every kind.

¹⁷ But the wisdom from above is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy and good deeds. It shows no favoritism and is always sincere.

¹⁸ And those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of righteousness.

Ephesians 5:1-2, 15-18 NLT (p.706)

¹ Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children. ² Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God.

¹⁵ So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. ¹⁶ Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. ¹⁷ Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do. ¹⁸ Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit