**“JEALOUSY IS WICKED & UNWISE”**

**James 3:13-18**

***Sermon Review***

*What was the Main Point of the Sermon from Sunday?*

*What part of the Sermon did you find to be the most beneficial?*

***SMALL GROUP LESSON***

1. When was the last time you were jealous of someone?
2. Have you ever envied someone else’s success or achievement? Did this motivate you to work harder or do anything different in your life?

**James 3:13-18 (NLT)**   
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.

***EXPLORE***

* + - 1. How can a person demonstrate wisdom and understanding? ([3:13](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jas+3%3A13))
      2. What common attitudes do we need to avoid boasting about? ([3:14](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jas+3%3A14))
      3. What is wrong with the "wisdom" of a selfish and bitter person? ([3:14-15](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jas+3%3A14-15))
      4. From where does the "wisdom" of a selfish and bitter person come? ([3:15](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jas+3%3A15))

* + - 1. To what do envy and selfish ambition lead? ([3:16](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jas+3%3A16))
      2. How does a wise person act? ([3:17-18](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jas+3%3A17-18))

***APPLY***

1. What are the marks of humility in a person?
2. What damage can bitter envy or selfish ambition do to a person?
3. Can you recall a personal relationship that have been negatively effected by jealousy and envy?
4. Is it possible to be jealous or envious of someone and still have a loving relationship (romantic, friendly, or family) with this person? Why or why not?
5. Cain killed his brother, in part, because of his jealousy toward him. What makes all of us vulnerable to Cain’s kind of sin?
6. How does the world's definition of wisdom differ from Scripture's definition?

**Additional Thoughts:**

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