

Series: FaithWorks  
Sermon: False Wisdom and True Wisdom  
July 10, 2016

1. Who is one of the wisest people you know? What makes them wise?
2. Read Proverbs 9:10. What does this verse mean?
3. Read Matthew 7:24-27. What makes someone was from this story Jesus told?
4. James 3:13 (The Message), “Do you want to be counted wise, to build a reputation for wisdom? Here’s what you do: Live well, live wisely, live humbly. It’s the way you live, not the way you talk, that counts.” In this opening verse, how does James define wisdom?
5. Read the following verses and try to list the characteristics of worldly wisdom (James 3:14-16) and Godly wisdom (James 3:17-18).

**Worldly Wisdom**

**Godly Wisdom**

6. There were 3 Big Ideas that were mentioned: #1 – God is for God.  
#2 – God designed life to work best when life is for God. In fact, that’s pretty much the path to wisdom: to live for God. #3 – God gives us a choice. We can choose to do life for God, or not. Wisdom or stupidity: your choice.

A. What does #1 mean?

B. Does it bother you that God is for God more than God is for you?

C. #2 and #3 references a choice we have to be “for God”. Why did God give us a choice?

7. Do you believe our society is following Godly wisdom or worldly wisdom? Why?

8. Do you believe the church (Christians) is following Godly wisdom or worldly wisdom? Why?

9. Read 1 Kings 3:5-14. Why do you think Solomon, who has just become King, asked for wisdom above everything else?

10. After studying this section in James, what does your pursuit of wisdom need to look like?