



TODAY'S MAIN POINT

Wisdom from above leads to peace, not pride.

TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE(S)

James 3:13-18

TEACHING GOAL

Students will recognize that their words—especially in conversations, group chats, and reputation environments—reveal what is shaping their hearts, and that Jesus transforms both what we say and why we say it.

This week students are learning that real wisdom isn't about being the smartest or winning arguments—it's about becoming humble, kind, and peace-making like Jesus. James helps students see the difference between pride-driven choices and God's kind of wisdom that brings peace into relationships. Encourage students to think about what kind of person their choices are shaping them into.

Let's Break the Ice:

- Who is someone you know that others really enjoy being around? Why do you think that is?
- Do you think being "right" is the same as being "wise"? Why or why not?

Bible Study:

- Read Together or ask someone to summarize the story: As a group, read James 3:13-18 NIV (*Telos Bible Pg. 1214*)

Discussion Questions:

- According to James, what's the difference between earthly wisdom and wisdom from above? What are some characteristics of each?
- Why do you think people sometimes want to win arguments instead of keeping peace?
- Which is hardest for you in an argument: choosing humility, kindness, or patience? Why?
- What would choosing peace in an argument look like for you this week?
- What does it mean to balance grace and truth (especially when you know you're "right"?)

Make it Real:

- When conflict happens in your life, are you usually trying to understand the other person or are you trying to be right? Which do you think Jesus is most concerned with? (*Leader note: Be prepared to meet your students with the truth of the Gospel here. Slow down and lean in*)

Discipleship Moment:

Choose one situation this week where you would normally defend yourself or try to win—and instead respond with humility, patience, or peace.

Partner Check-In: Pair students up and have them commit to checking in with their partner at some point during the week or during your next gathering.

Prayer:

- Close with group prayer
 - Take prayer requests
 - Celebrate what God has done over the last week