
#2 “The Double-Minded Man”

James 1:5-11

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JAMES

Warming Up

1. Of all the challenging circumstances that could come your way, through which one would you find it hardest to maintain an unwavering faith? Why?

Digging In

2. *Just ask God for wisdom . . . (1:5a)*
 - How is James’ statement “If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask” both an imperative and an invitation? Why is this important?
 - Pastor Dan said, “We should go to God as a first step, not as a last resort.” Where do we often turn for wisdom instead of God? Why is this a problem according to 1 Corinthians 3:19? What are three primary ways that God gives us his wisdom? What are the implications for you as you seek his understanding?
3. *. . . recognizing his willing heart and abundant supply (1:5b)*
 - What does it mean that giving is part of God’s nature, not just an action? What do the words “generously” and “without reproach” convey about the way that God gives? Read and discuss Matthew 7:7-11 for more insight.
 - Pastor Dan listed five things God doesn’t think when you ask for wisdom: (a) You’re asking for a lot! (b) You should’ve asked sooner! (c) You don’t deserve it! (d) You didn’t listen last time! (e) You owe me big time! Which one has Satan whispered into your mind lately? How can you refute his lie with the truth?
4. *. . . without doubting that he’ll answer (1:6-8)*
 - Do you agree or disagree that doubting God in the midst of trials actually calls his character into question? How so?
 - How would you explain the phrase “double-minded man”? What makes this type of person “unstable”?
5. *. . . remaining humble through it all (1:9-11)*
 - What is James saying when he calls for “the lowly brother [to] boast in his exaltation” and “the rich in his humiliation”? In what way are the rich and the poor exactly alike at the end of the day? How are trials the great equalizer in life?

Breaking Out

6. Ask each small group member to share his/her most challenging life situation. Pray in faith and with fervency for an abundant supply of God’s wisdom.



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