

# ***gospel on the ground***

## **"A Life Well-Lived" // Group Discussion Guide**

**What image comes to mind when you think of wisdom?** How would the average person describe wisdom?

Read Proverbs 2. How does the writer's understanding of the need for wisdom differ from ours? Why do you think that is?

Wisdom comes from the word meaning "an exceptional level of skill." How does that alter your understanding of wisdom?

The word for good (*kalos*) means "attractive; appealing; desirable." What makes a life of humility attractive? Have you found the average Christian life to be attractive?

James explains that "bitter envy and selfish ambition" will derail any attempt at a life well lived. He explains that it leads to "all kinds of evil." Why do you think this is?

Read Luke 6:43-45. How does this relate to James' warning in 3:14? What kind of implications does this have for our lives?

Notice that James' warning to not "harbor...in your hearts." What kinds of things do we harbor in our hearts? How can we deal with these?

Read the attributes in James 3:17. What stands out to you? How does this connect to the idea of wisdom?

Think about the relationships in your life that are not at "peace." In light of what Jesus has done for our peace, what are some steps that you'd be willing to take to make peace in your relationships? Ask God to reveal some things that you may be harboring in your heart. Take a few minutes to pray, first silently, then as a group.