



## THEME

Honest Attempts @ Following Jesus > **The soil Prejudice grows in**

## ANCHORED TO TRUTH

James 2:1-4, **James 3:13-18**, **Acts 6:1-6**, 1 John 4:91-20, Philippians 2:3-4, Genesis 1:27

## CONVERSATION

1. What's the best fruit or vegetable hands down?
  - a. How about the worst fruit or vegetable?
2. Have you ever grown something from a seed to eating it?
3. Check out > **James 3:13-18**

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. But if you are bitterly **jealous** and there is **selfish ambition** in your heart, don't cover up the truth with boasting and lying. For jealousy and selfishness are not God's kind of wisdom. Such things are earthly, unspiritual, and demonic. For wherever there is jealousy and selfish ambition, there you will find **disorder** and **evil of every kind**.

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 the **fruit of good deeds**. It **shows no favoritism** and is always **sincere**. And those who are **peacemakers** **will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of righteousness**.

4. According to what James wrote above, there are 2 kinds of wisdom > what would be a good name for each wisdom?
  - a. What ingredients are found in each wisdom?
5. Have you seen the progression James describes in the first wisdom played out in real life? (jealousy>selfish ambition>boasting>lying>disorder>evil of every kind)
6. Is there a connection between jealousy/selfishness & prejudice/favoritism?
  - a. How connected are they? How do they work together?
7. Which ingredient in the second kind of wisdom ("wisdom from above") is most difficult for you to own?
  - a. Which ingredient is most rare?
  - b. Which ingredient do you admire most when you see it in others?
8. How can we be peacemakers and "plant" peace?
  - a. What's involved in planting something?
  - b. How could that image apply to what's involved in "planting" peace?
9. What kind of community & friendships can you imagine growing in the "soil" of the "wisdom from above"?

## RESPOND:

- > What's a practical way we can all work on the prejudice that's put down roots in our heart?
- > Is there something could we do this week to be a better **peace builder**?
- > Take time to **pray for** & encourage each other about all the things you've just explored
  - Pray for our community > that there would be more & more of the "wisdom from above" ingredients > growing into a harvest of deep down right.