



LIVE IT!  
GROUP GUIDE

**WEEK 08**

# Faith Under Pressure

## Wisdom Matters

Live It Guides are not just a “study” we do to fill our heads with information about God. Possessing information doesn’t make us disciples. It’s what we do with it that counts! This looks like **learning, believing and living**. The purpose of this guide is to: (1) foster learning & listening with one another around God’s Word, (2) allow God’s Word to shape what we are believing and (3) encourage one another to live it out in the context of our daily lives. If you find your group not asking “believing” and “living” questions, please adjust your time to allow for this vital part of discipleship.

## Learning from God’s Word...

**Read James 3:13-18 three times together as a group.**

*What words or phrases does James use to describe the two kinds of wisdom available to us as we live out our lives?*

*What does each kind of wisdom lead to or produce in our personal lives and our relationships with people?*

*What does James say about our hearts as it pertains to wisdom? How is our heart connected to living out the two kinds of wisdom mentioned in this passage?*

## Believing What It Says...

*As we hear God speak through His Word, we must take what we are learning and consider how we see ourselves actually living our lives. Many times, we may say we believe something but in fact find that a different belief is influencing our actions. This provides an opportunity to repent and believe the Gospel.*

**How has this discussion and the truths of James 3:13-18 challenged your belief(s) about what wisdom is?**

**Is there something that is troubling you about these sentences, something that might be causing you to pause? If so, what is it?**

**Is there a belief about God or yourself that you had before this discussion that is now being reshaped to align with what God says from His word? What might that be?**

## Living it out...

*Let’s put what we are hearing from God’s Word into practice...this week! We long to be a people who live an active faith, not only hearing from God, but also responding in obedience to Him!*

**What changes will I ask God to make in my heart so that I continue to grow in heavenly wisdom? Who do I want these changes to impact? Name them and your relationship with them.**

**What changes has God made in my heart to reflect heavenly wisdom that I will thank Him for this week?**

**Share who is in your life that you are praying for to hear and believe the gospel? Do you have a plan to communicate the gospel with them? Is there something that is holding you back? What might that be?**

## Notes...

*Record what you hear God saying through His Word and some tangible ways you are desiring to live it out in the next week...*