

## HOMELINK

February 20, 2022

### MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE:

*Jesus called out to them, "Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!"*

**- Matthew 11:19 (NLT)**

**ONE BIG THING:** Jesus's followers trust God's wisdom..

**REVIEW:** Today we read James 3:13-18, which teaches us about wisdom, or the way we ought to live. James says the world will tell us there is one way to live, and that Jesus teaches us another way to live as followers of him. The world's wisdom teaches us to focus on ourselves– what we want, what we prefer, how we want our lives to go. This results in us being jealous and seeking our own good over the good of others, and James says that this ultimately leads to disorder and evil of every kind. God's wisdom– meaning, how God teaches we should live– trusts that God has shared with us in the Bible how our lives ought to look. Specifically, that our lives should be centered around God– worshiping him, knowing him, trusting him. This leads to us making our lives about loving God and loving others, which James says reaps a harvest of righteousness. That means that as a result of knowing and loving God, Jesus's followers are able to bear fruit that make him known and gives him praise!

The trouble is– the world's way of living is really appealing to us because we are broken. Our hearts are sinful– and left on our own we will follow the ways of the world. But God broke into our darkness. Jesus, by taking on our sin and brokenness upon himself, makes a way for us to know and follow God. We need Jesus if we are going to follow the ways of God and God's wisdom. This takes us back to a promise that James gives Jesus's followers earlier in his book. James 1:5 says, "if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him." We can ask God for wisdom to know how to live. Most importantly, just like last week– we can ask him to change our hearts so that we can live out that wisdom.

### SONGS:

"Your Love Endures Forever" by The Village Kids

"God is Good" by The Village Kids

### PRAY TOGETHER AS A FAMILY:

"Dear God, thank you that we don't have to live the way the world does– we don't have to live in selfish ways that lead to disorder and evil. Help us to trust and follow Jesus. He offers Godly wisdom that leads to life and life abundant! In Jesus' name we pray, Amen."

