

TAKING IT HOME

1. Read **James 1:5** and **3:13-18**. What is James teaching about wisdom?
Where does it come from?

How is this different from the world's wisdom?

How would your life change if you pursued Jesus' version of wisdom, as opposed to the world's version?

SPIRITUAL AWAKENINGS

Growth Group Homework

For the Week of October 23, 2011

QUICK REVIEW: Look back at your notes from this Sunday's teaching. Was there a particular point, verse or comment that caught your attention, challenged you or raised a question?

MY STORY

1. If you could have a one-on-one conversation with God, what topic would you talk about? Is there a specific question you would like to ask?
2. What is your definition of wisdom? How did you arrive at that definition?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. This Sunday, Pastor John spoke about spiritual awakenings and wisdom that comes from the Holy Spirit. Read **John 3:1-9**. Who was Nicodemus? What does he say to Jesus?

What is the first thing Jesus says to him?

Why do you think Jesus responded this way?

Do you think Nicodemus understood his response? Why or why not?

2. In verses **10-15**, what tone does Jesus use with Nicodemus? Why do you think he used this tone?
3. The story of Moses and the snake comes from **Numbers 21:4-9**. Why do you think Jesus brings up this story with Nicodemus?

How does this relate to the conversation they were having?

4. Nicodemus was a Pharisee, a Jewish law expert, considered very wise by his people. What was Jesus teaching him about wisdom?

Where does wisdom come from?