

Cell notes

What fuel is your engine running on?

James **Ch 3 v13-18**

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The churches to which James was writing were fighting and squabbling. The solution that James points to in v13-18 is the issue of the heart. More specifically, James shows that the type of wisdom filling the heart is critical to understanding this. He describes two types: 'wisdom from the earth' that is characterised by 'bitter jealousy' and 'selfish ambition' and 'wisdom from above' that is 'pure, peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere'.

Depending on which type of wisdom we allow to fuel our hearts we will either be a fighting, divided people, or a people who are at peace with one another and united.

Please use the following questions to **aid** discussion. Facilitate discussion in groups of 3 or 4. Pray into them before you present them. Ask God to help you to gently lead each different person into participation.

1. What testimonies have people got of times where they experienced jealousy and/or selfish ambition but have known God's help in overcoming? What practical tips can people give to help resist the temptation to become jealous or selfishly ambitious?
2. Remembering that God's wisdom brings peace not disorder, are there situations people are facing at the moment in which they require God's wisdom? Take the time to share and then to pray for one another, expecting in faith for God's wisdom to come.
3. As a cell what ways can we go deeper in terms of being a real community at peace with one another?