

Bible chat ws 19th Sept 2021

1. Present company excepted, suggest examples of people you might consider wise - perhaps people in public life, or perhaps people previously associated with Hearsall. What was it about them that made them wise?
2. **Read James 3: 13 - 4:11.** James sketches out a kind of worldly 'wisdom' here, but it leads to some very ugly behaviour. Can you say in your own words what bad cycles of behaviour James is discussing. Give examples of this kind of false wisdom at work in life today.
3. James also talks about wisdom from heaven (from 3:17). Say in your own words what James is getting at here. Give examples of this pattern of 'heavenly' wisdom in life today.
4. What does the passage say about how to move from the bad type of wisdom to the good type? Are you willing to do that?
5. **Read Mark 9: 30 - 37.** How credible is it to imagine the disciples talking about who is the greatest as Jesus was approaching the death he had just again predicted? Can you think of modern equivalents of such behaviour?
6. Consider the phrase 'Public Servant.' Could verse 35 be taken as an instruction for those working in public life? Is this naive, or the very model of how to approach such work?
7. What point was Jesus making, do you think in placing a child among the disciples?
8. David's talk contrasted the instinctive belonging of an infant with the earned belonging of an adult. When we regard a baby or a toddler, what can this teach us about how to belong?