

Connect

How would you respond to a child that said, "I don't need to go to school because Einstein said, *Wisdom is not a product of schooling, but of the lifelong attempt to acquire it.*" (How is this true, and how isn't it?)

Verses - James 1:5-8 (CSB)

5 Now if any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God—who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly—and it will be given to him. 6 But let him ask in faith without doubting. For the doubter is like the surging sea, driven and tossed by the wind. 7 That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord, 8 being double-minded and unstable in all his ways.

Study

1. What is commanded in Today's Verses, and what is the condition to do so?

2. There is also a condition of how we are to ask, what is the expectation, but also what is needed for the condition to be met? Why? (Matthew 21:21-22; Mark 11:24; Matthew 7:8-10)

APPLY 1: How should we respond when you don't get what you have asked for in prayer? (James 4:3; Romans 8:28; 2 Corinthians 4:1; Psalm 27:14)

☕ **DISCUSS 1:** In what ways/means do you believe God can provide you with wisdom? How can we recognize it as Godly wisdom? (Joshua 1:8; Proverbs 11:14; Proverbs 19:20; Psalm 32:8; Proverbs 9:10)

3. What is the doubter compared to? How does this description reflect spiritual truth?

APPLY 2: How do we combat doubt? What is it's remedy? What other Bible verses that encourage us, though we may doubt? (Proverbs 3:5-8; Mark 9:24)

☕ **DISCUSS 2:** Most of the time, people expect doubt to be a norm ("Everyone doubts!"). What does the Bible teach contrary to this view? (Hebrews 11:1) How have you seen doubt negatively impact one's life? What hope do they have? (Psalm 37:4-5)

Share

When have you asked and received Godly wisdom? How did this benefit you or the Kingdom of God?

Grow

Minister to one another through sharing praise and specific prayer requests.

- Pray for Godly wisdom.
- Pray for an opportunity to share the gospel.
- Pray for the Lord to reveal how we can serve Him.