C3 Group Questions S2021-WEEK 2 2/7/21

Getting Started with a Warm-Up:

- What is the toughest question you've ever been asked about the Bible or God?
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- What statement, statistic or idea that Carl shared on Sunday stuck out to you most?

Getting Down to Business:

The following questions are following this format: Scripture, Observation, Application, and Prayer (SOAP).

 Scripture/Observation: Read James 1:5-8. A. According to this passage, where are we supposed to look for wisdom? B. What is wisdom? C. Why do you think James says that we should ask God for wisdom and not knowledge? (Many time information is easier to come by then how to use that information appropriately) D. Verse 6 says that we are to ask for wisdom without wavering. What does that mean? (the rest of verse 6 and 7 give the answer) E. Why should wavering folks not expect to have their request for wisdom answered? (they're not secure in their trust in God; they jump in their loyalty between God and the world)

Read 1 Peter 3:14-16. A. Facing questions from skeptics can feel very threating. Instead of worrying or being afraid what does Peter recommend that we do? ("worship Christ as Lord of your life" - v. 15). B. According to verse 15 what is the best way to handle those who question you about your "Christian hope"? (always be ready to explain it). C. How can we ready ourselves to explain our faith and the tough questions that people may ask? (we need to study God's word and seek to grow in our knowledge of Him) C. According to verse 16 what how should we answer the skeptic? D. How does this passage in 1 Peter relate to the James passage?

- 2) **Application:** What important truth do you believe God is prompting you to grow in your understanding of?
- 3) **Prayer:** Ask God for the wisdom to apply His knowledge to our lives with confidence. And that we would grow in our desire to be prepared to answer those who question our faith.