

WEEK 2
LESSON OUTLINE



BIG IDEA

Wise people share what God has given them.

BIBLE

1 John 3:16–20; Proverbs 22:8,9; Matthew 25:35,36,40

ABOUT THIS WEEK

Great coaches are full of insight on how to play our favorite games, and they don't keep it to themselves. This week, we'll look at one of John's letters as he coached his church to follow the example of Jesus. Like a great coach, John passed on the wisdom and gifts he had received and showed his church how **wise people share what God has given them.**

WHAT?

We need wisdom to make good calls in a ton of areas of our lives: relationships, school, jobs, and more. We also need help with decisions about what we have ... our possessions, time, effort, talents, and energy. Every day, we are given choices about what we should do with what we have. How do we avoid becoming possessive or selfish with what we have and be attentive to the needs of others?

SO WHAT?

In 1 John 3:16–20, John tells us that Jesus modeled what it looks like to give to others. He gave his life for us, and we are to give what we have to offer to others as well. Jesus showed love for us by giving his life for us. We may not be asked to give our lives to our friends, but we can give our gifts, talents, and some of what we have with them. We can be generous and give to others, no matter how much or little we have. John is showing us you don't have to have much to show love to others.

Proverbs 22:8,9 helps us see that living generously reminds us that our value is more than the stuff we hang on to. Our value is in the love of God ... and when we know how deeply we are loved, we can share love with others. A generous life is truly the most fulfilling life. That is why God invites us to be generous. Not because God wants to take something from us but because God wants to fill us up. **Wise people share what God has given them.**

NOW WHAT?

Here are three ideas to help you share what God has given you with others.

- **CELEBRATE YOUR GIFTS:** Take some time this week to write down a few ways you think God has gifted you and how you can share those with others.
- **CELEBRATE OTHER PEOPLE'S GIFTS:** When you see someone be generous with their time, resources, or gifts this week, tell them you noticed and that you are grateful for sharing what they have.
- **USE YOUR GIFTS:** We all have something valuable to contribute, and we will miss out if we ignore our gifts and try to be like someone else. Choose at least one way to share what you have this week, and follow through.

God will use what you have to give in amazing ways. Living generously is the best call because **wise people share what God has given them.**