

**WEEK 3**  
**LESSON OUTLINE**



**BIG IDEA**

Wise people follow God's guidance.

**BIBLE**

Ephesians 1:15–23; Proverbs 1:20–33;  
Luke 2:52

**ABOUT THIS WEEK**

You can have the best coach in the world, but does it really matter if you don't follow their advice? This week, we'll look at one of Paul's letters when he advised a church to listen to the Holy Spirit God gave to them. His message about trusting God's leadership and learning to rely on the Holy Spirit helps us see that **wise people follow God's guidance.**

**WHAT?**

I'm sure you've seen images or information online being shared rapidly, yet it isn't true. Yikes! So, how do we figure out what is true and what isn't? When reading advice online or hearing guidance from people, it can be challenging to know what is a good call, what is a bad call, and what is a strange one. What can we do when we get a bunch of advice and don't know which decision to make?

**SO WHAT?**

In Ephesians 1:15–23, the apostle Paul talks about wisdom greater than anything we can develop independently because it comes from God. Just as Paul knew it was possible for the church in Ephesus, God made this wisdom possible for us. God can help us move from a "me-sized" wisdom to a "God-sized" wisdom. When we focus on knowing God better and relying on the Holy Spirit to give us wisdom, we have hope that no matter what comes our way, God will provide what we need. Even when other people give us weird or wrong calls, we can trust that God will help us discern how to make good ones.

Proverbs 1:20–33 helps us see that wisdom isn't a light and fluffy thing. Listening to God's guidance matters, but we shouldn't do it to avoid consequences. The Bible points out the incredible benefits of listening to God's wisdom, saying those who listen closely and follow God find safety and a sense of peace, leading to a more secure, purposeful, and hope-filled life connected to God's presence because **wise people follow God's guidance.**

**NOW WHAT?**

Here are a few ways you can listen to God guidance this week.

- **READ ABOUT GOD'S WISDOM IN THE BIBLE:** Read one chapter from the book of Proverbs every day this week. As you get to know God more, you clearly recognize God's wisdom.
- **ASK THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR GUIDANCE:** When you have a decision to make throughout your day, ask God's Spirit for guidance about what to do. If you feel like you heard something, write it down and put it into practice.
- **LISTEN TO TRUSTED PEOPLE FOR GODLY WISDOM:** God often gives us direction and help through other people. Not everyone will be a source of God's wisdom, so if we are looking for godly advice, we need to ask people with a track record of humility, kindness, honesty, compassion, and dedication to Jesus.

God is so creative and wants to help lead you through whatever you are facing, so remember, **wise people follow God's guidance.**