

WEEK 2

DISCUSSION GUIDE



THIS WEEK

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's the best gift you've ever received? What's the best gift you've ever given?
- What has it felt like to be on the receiving end of someone else's generosity?
- What would it look like for you to live generously even when you don't feel like it?
- When John talks about how Jesus demonstrated love, why do you think giving is the thing he asks of us more than anything else?
- What keeps you from being generous? Fear? Feelings of inadequacy? Comparison? Busy schedules? Past hurt? If you could erase those barriers to generosity, what are specific ways you'd like to be generous with what you have?
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- What do you think when the Bible says that the generous will be blessed? How does this challenge how you follow Jesus?
- What are some of the ways you could be generous that don't just include money?
- How have you experienced generosity from someone that did not involve money? What about the generosity shown you made it so impactful?
- What is one way you could share what God has given to you this week with a stranger? Someone in your family? To a friend? What is stopping you from making a plan to follow through on that this week?
- ****What did you think about the missions opportunities that Adam talked about tonight? Is anyone planning to go to MFuge or Honduras this summer?**
 - *Leader Note: Please make sure that anyone who is interested in a mission trip gets the information they need about the trip. Check with Adam and Alisa for any further information needed.*