



## THE BIGGER STORY FAITH

Week 3 Wisdom  
week starting October 9

### Opener

Choose one of the following to answer.

1. In what area would you like to be wiser?
2. Who do you go to for advice or questions? Why that person?
3. What was the last thing you googled how to do?

Share how taking a step toward better integrating your faith in your life (from last week's Live it Out section) went for you this week.

### Reflect on Sunday's Sermon

What stood out to you from the message this week? What questions do you have? What did you learn?

### Read & Discuss

1. Read James 3:13–18. What does earthly wisdom look like (verses 14–16)?
2. How is heavenly wisdom different from earthly wisdom as described in verses 17 and 18? What qualities in verse 17 do you need more of in yourself? What difference would this make in your life?
3. Read James 4:1–2. Think of a recent disagreement you've had with someone. What was at the root of it? How do these verses shed light on how to approach disagreements?
4. How does what you learned about heavenly wisdom provide further insights on handling disagreements?

### Live it Out

Each day this coming week, practice the Prayer of Examen, preferably both at noon and evening. Follow the instructions below or view the 2-minute video at [www.jesuits.org/spirituality/the-ignatian-examen](http://www.jesuits.org/spirituality/the-ignatian-examen).

1. Place yourself in God's presence. Give thanks for God's great love for you.
2. Pray to understand how God is acting in your life.
3. Review your day. Recall specific moments and your feelings at the time.
4. Reflect on what you did, said, or thought at those moments. Were you drawing closer to God or further away?
5. Look with hope toward tomorrow and think about how you can collaborate with God's plan. Be specific. Close by saying The Lord's Prayer.

### Closing Prayer

Father, we seek to be wise in ways that glorify you, not ourselves. Open our eyes and hearts to see and humbly submit to you the areas where we need improvement. We ask you to teach and guide us, so that we might be better reflections of your love. Amen.