



Mrs Slater's thought of the day.

I hope everyone had a nice
weekend!



I read an interesting newspaper article this week that I wanted to share with you.



This is Margaret Mead. She was born in 1901 and she was an anthropologist.

An anthropologist studies how human beings have developed over time, including socially (how we live together) and physically (our bodies).

Margaret Mead helped other people to learn about these things and one day a student asked her a very good question.
(I love good questions!)

What is the oldest object we have, that shows people were starting to live together in social groups (civilisation)?

Mmmmm.. Was it a clay pot to show that people made tools to prepare and eat food?



Mmmmm.. Was it a fish hook to show that they made tools to catch food?





Nope. Both wrong!

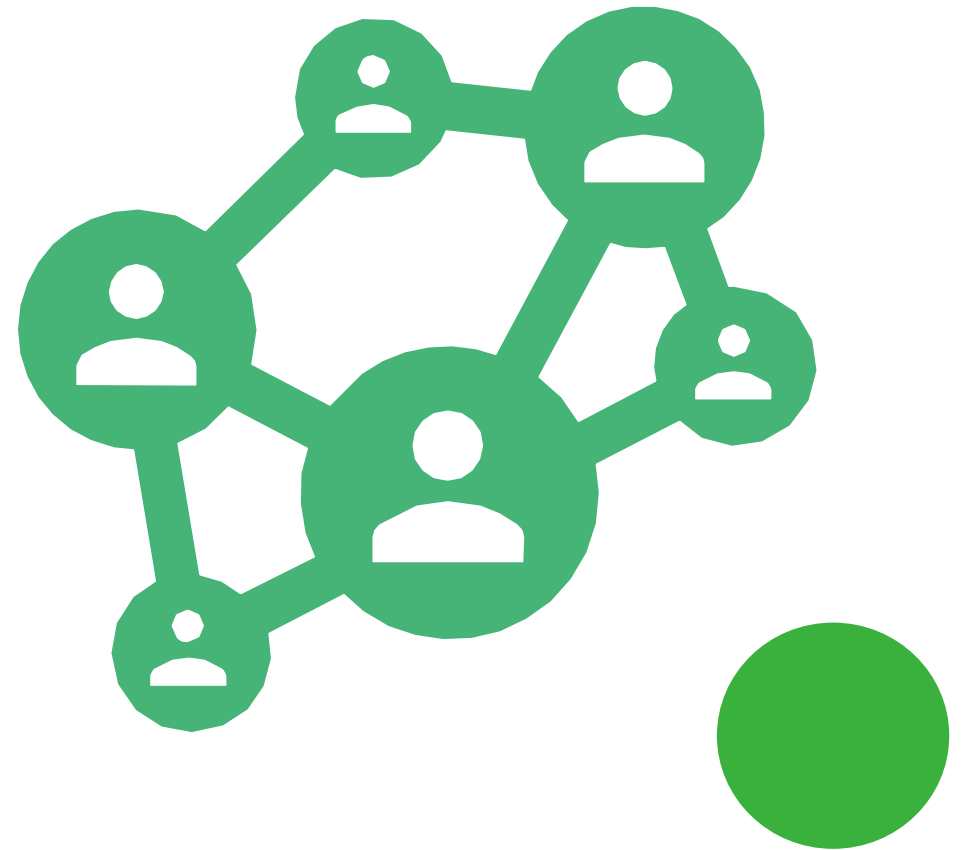
Mead said that the first evidence of civilization was a 15,000 year old **fractured (broken) femur** found in an archaeological site.

A **femur** is the longest bone in the body, linking hip to knee. A broken leg bone that has healed shows that another person has taken time to stay with the person who got hurt, bound up the wound and then carried the person to safety. Other people must have helped this person with a broken leg to get food and shelter.



Margaret Mead then said something very true and very important.

Helping someone else through difficulty is where civilization starts. Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; For, indeed, that's all we ever have.



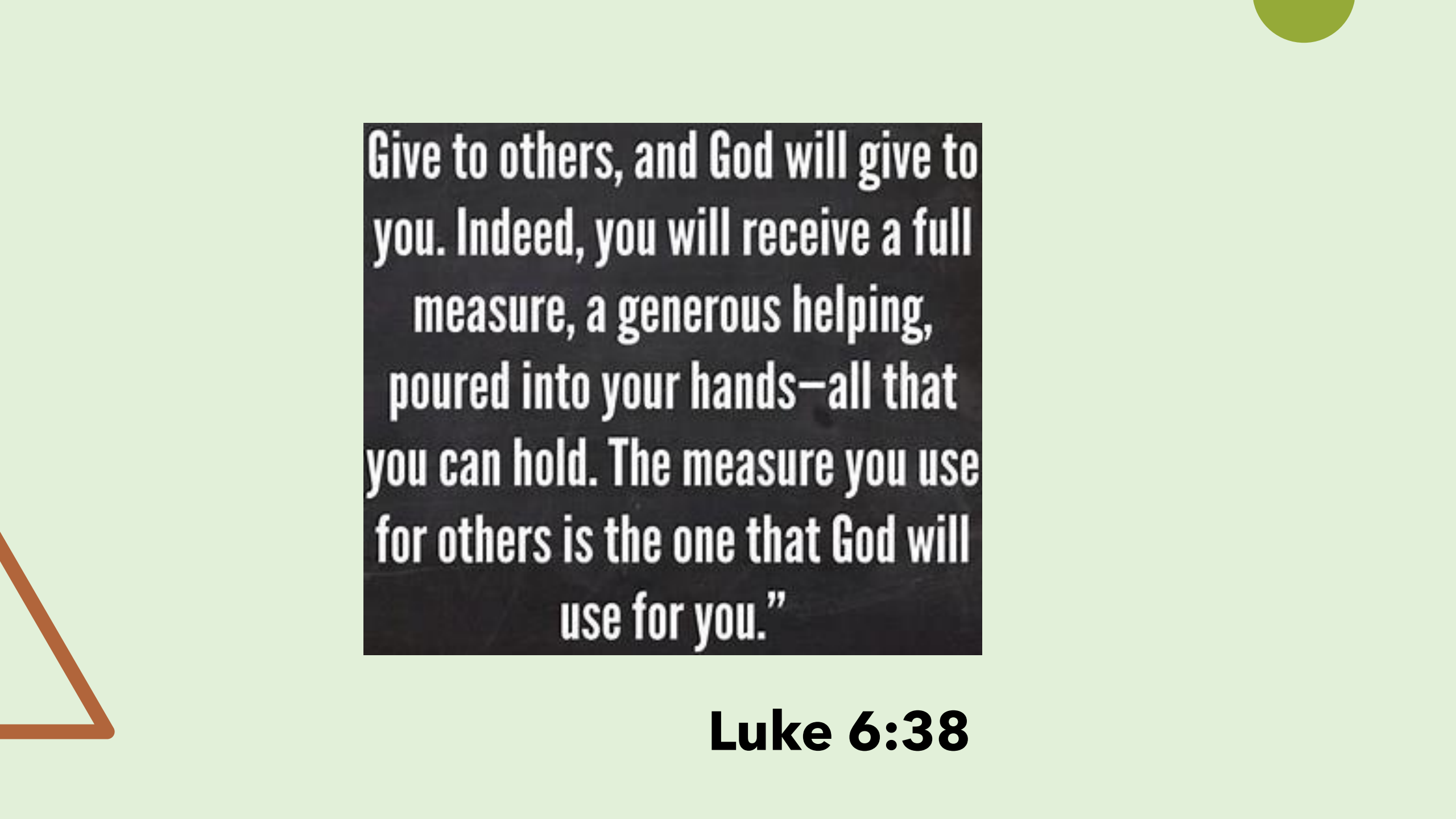
So this week, please can you...

Help the other people in your family - why not have a chat together about how to do this?

Say thank you when people help you.

Think about all those people who are working extra hard at the moment to help other people.





Give to others, and God will give to you. Indeed, you will receive a full measure, a generous helping, poured into your hands—all that you can hold. The measure you use for others is the one that God will use for you.”

Luke 6:38