

THIS SERIES

If you've been following Jesus for some time, you know it's often easy to become numb to just how controversial Jesus' message and ministry actually were while He was on earth. Jesus made enemies of both religious leaders and the government in part because of the way He treated the most "untouchable" members of society. In this series, you'll help students see and explore the significance of the fact that Jesus **ate with the despised, valued the outcasts, restored the sinful,** and **forgave the unforgivable**.

THIS WEEK



- Have you ever loved someone who definitely did not love you back? Who?
- Why do you think Jesus' message of love, mercy, and forgiveness made so many people so angry?
- If you were Jesus, which sinful act would be most difficult for you to forgive?
- Why do you think Jesus forgave even the most unforgivable people?
- How were the two criminals in this story the same? How were they different?
- What do you think it takes to receive God's forgiveness?
- How can trusting we've been forgiven change us for the better?
- Which person did you most identify with in this story? Why?
- This week, how do you think God might be calling you to make this story personal?