

WEEK 1

SMALL GROUP GUIDE

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THIS SERIES

"Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so." If you grew up going to church, it's probably the first song about Jesus you can remember singing. "Jesus loves me" may seem like a pretty straightforward and foundational belief, but let's be honest . . . singing about Jesus' love is a lot easier than actually imitating it. In this 4-week series, you'll challenge students to observe, imitate, and be transformed by the radical love of Jesus for all people, but specifically His love for **children**, for the **poor**, for the **stranger**, and for the **sinner**.

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THE BIG IDEA

Jesus valued children.

THE BIBLE

Luke 18:15-17; II Timothy 4:12

- **Talk about a time you were overlooked because of your youth.**
- **What qualities do you think children have that adults don't have?**
- **When you become an adult, what don't you want to lose about who you are now?**
- **How do you feel young people are valued in the world today? What about in your family or community? What about our church?**
- **Why do you think Jesus told adults to be more like children?**
- **What do you think the benefits are of separating young people and adults at church?**
- **What do you think the downside could be of separating young people and adults at church?**
- **How would our church be different if young people were in charge?**
- **Read II Timothy 4:12. What would it look like for you to set an example for the adults in our church in your speech? Conduct? Love? Faith? Purity?**
- **If you could give a speech on behalf of your generation, what would you want to say?**
- **This week, who are the young people you're going to love like Jesus loves? And how are you going to love them?**