

# WEEK 1

## SMALL GROUP GUIDE

SINCERELY  
*God*

### THIS SERIES

The Bible. We all know reading it is important (or at least that's what we've been told), but if we're being honest, we probably don't give it the time or attention we know we should. Sometimes we avoid Scripture because it seems boring or irrelevant. Other times we avoid it because it's too time-consuming, inconvenient, or maybe even convicting. So how do we change that? In this 4-week series, you'll encourage students to both see and engage with the Bible in a new way as you help them discover that the Bible **is a love letter, a guide, an invitation**, and something that's **meant to be lived (not just read)**.

### THIS WEEK

#### **THE BIG IDEA**

The Bible is a love letter.

#### **THE BIBLE**

Ephesians 1:4-12; Psalm 5

- **How would you describe or explain the Bible to someone who was unfamiliar with it?**
- **No judgment, but how often do you read the Bible on your own?**
- **In one word, how would you describe the experience of reading the Bible on your own?**
- **What keeps you from reading the Bible more often?**
- **Has reading the Bible ever changed you or your perspective? What happened?**
- **Does anyone know any more passages of Scripture about God's love?**
- **Other than passages about God's love for us, what else can you find in the Bible?**
- **God wants us to know we are loved, but what else do you think He wants us to know as a result of reading the Bible?**
- **Read Psalm 5. The Bible is God's love letter to us, but sometimes it contains people's letters back to God. What would you say to God in a letter like this?**
- **One month from now, how would you like your relationship with the Bible to be different? This week, what's one thing you can do to work toward that goal?**