

WEEK 2

SMALL GROUP GUIDE



THIS SERIES

Raise your hand if you've ever wanted to scream, "You're not the boss of me!" (You can also raise your hand if you have, in fact, actually screamed it.) Especially when we're teenagers, we tend to push back on the people, places, and things that control and hold authority over us. But here's the catch: whether we admit it or not, we've all given someone (or something) control of our lives. In this 4-week series, you'll challenge students to consider who, or what, they've allowed to be their boss. Because whether it's **the god of me, the god of stuff, the god of worry, or the god of obsession**, we all know what it's like to have an authority problem.

THIS WEEK

THE BIG IDEA

We defeat the god of stuff by letting go of our things.

THE BIBLE

Exodus 20:1-3, 32:1-4; Luke 12:13-34
Matthew 16:24-26

- **What's one thing you really wish you owned right now?**
- **How would you describe your relationship with "stuff" right now?**
- **Have you ever gotten into a fight with a friend or loved one over someone's "stuff?" What happened?**
- **What's one way people try to find satisfaction in their "stuff?"**
- **Read Matthew 16:24-26. What do you think Jesus means by losing your soul? How do we *not* lose our souls?**
- **Which of these do you struggle with most: prioritizing stuff over people, always wanting more, being hesitant to share, or finding your identity in your stuff?**
- **What's one way you can practice giving your stuff away this week?**
- **What's one way you can practice spending more of your money on others, instead of yourself, this week?**
- **What's one way you can practice buying less for yourself this week?**