

WEEK 2

SMALL GROUP GUIDE

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THIS SERIES

Do you ever feel like you're putting on a show? Like the person people think you are doesn't line up with who you really are? Or maybe you've been known to put on different personas for different situations—personas that help you fit in with certain crowds, even if that persona doesn't reflect who you really want to be. Sound familiar? Of course it does. We can all relate because, at times, we all struggle with the same big questions: "Who am I? Who loves me? Why am I here?" In this 4-week series on identity, you'll help students find answers to those questions as they discover that, in Jesus, **they are loved, they are forgiven, they have purpose, and they belong.**

THIS WEEK

THE BIG IDEA

You are forgiven.

THE BIBLE

Ephesians 2:4-10; Romans 8:1
John 3:16-17

- **What's one reason you vividly remember getting in trouble as a child?**
- **What are the pros and cons of forgiving ourselves quickly after we mess up?**
- **What are the pros and cons of dwelling on our mistakes after we mess up?**
- **Give an example of someone being defined by their mistakes.**
- **When you hear the words, "You are forgiven," how do you react?**
- **How do you get God's' forgiveness?**
- **Read John 3:16-17. What do these verses tell us about who God is?**
- **ACTIVITY: *Who I Was, Who I Am.*** Give a sheet of paper and a marker to every student. On one side, ask them to write a sin that used to define them (or still does). On the other, ask them to write who they are now that they know Jesus (or who they'd like to be). Discuss your responses together.
- **What's one step you can take this week to live like you're forgiven? How can we help?**