

# WEEK 3

## SMALL GROUP GUIDE



### THIS SERIES

If you tried to define “friendship” based only on what you see on Instagram, you might think #friendship was all about group hugs, selfies with your bestie, or tagging each other in your favorite memes. But real friendship isn’t so picture perfect. In this 4-week series, you’ll challenge students to build the kind of friendships that go beyond the surface – the kinds of friendships you’ll need when times get tough. You’ll look at three key friendships as Scripture, as well as the friendship God offers us through Jesus, as you help teenagers see that Godly friendships can **shape us, heal us, and purify us** – especially during difficult times.

### THIS WEEK

#### **THE BIG IDEA**

In the fire, true friendships can be purifying.

#### **THE BIBLE**

II Samuel 12:1-25; Proverbs 27:5-6  
Galatians 6:1; Matthew 18:15-17

- **Have you ever confronted a friend about their bad behavior? What happened?**
- **Has a friend ever confronted you about your bad behavior? What happened?**
- **If Nathan went to your school or lived in your neighborhood, what are some of the bad behaviors he might confront you or your peers about?**
- **What can we learn from David about responding to correction?**
- **Who are your Nathans? Who can count on to tell you the truth, even when it's difficult?**
- **What can we learn from Nathan about giving correction to our friends?**
- **Read Galatians 6:1 and Matthew 18:15-17. What can these passages teach us about confronting a friend?**
- **Do any of your friends need a Nathan in their lives right now? If so, what's stopping you from being that kind of friend for them?**
- **Of all the stories that could have been told in the pages of Scripture, why do you think this one has been recorded?**