

WEEK 2

SMALL GROUP GUIDE



Don't you just love a little friendly competition? There's something about being a part of a team that makes you excited to root for "us" and root against "them." With people and with God, we're often quick to see others like our enemies, but God invites us to see things differently. In this 4-week series, we'll explore the stories of Abraham, Jeremiah, Jonah, Isaiah, and more, as we see how the big story of Scripture reveals that **God is for us, we're called to be for others, God is for our enemies, and Jesus proves that God is for us.**

THIS WEEK

THE BIG IDEA

We're called to be for others.

THE BIBLE

Genesis - Jeremiah 1:1-9, 29:4-11;
John 3:16-17; Psalm 103:3

- **What's the biggest fight you've ever had with a friend or family member?**
- **What are some unhealthy ways you've seen people handle their disagreements with, or dislike for, each other?**
- **What's one reason we might view someone else as different, intimidating, or even an enemy?**
- **Why is it so revolutionary that God tells us to be "for" others – even our enemies?**
- **Think about a time when you were quick to be defensive or make an enemy out of someone else. What could you have done differently to be for, instead of against, them?**
- **Read Psalm 103:8. What's one situation or relationship where you need help responding to someone the same way God responds to you?**
- **What's one conflict you need to resolve right now?**
- **What's one way you can show you're for others by making a new friend?**
- **Who is someone new you can learn from? What makes them different from you, and what do you hope to learn from them?**
- **What's something we can do together to share what we have with others?**

ACTIVITY

Spend time as a group talking about how you can do something to love, serve, and be "for" others together. Put a plan in place to do something for others together.