

WEEK 3

SMALL GROUP GUIDE

THE HAVES & have-nots

How many times have you compared yourself with someone else today? Seriously — see if you can count. Whether it's their stuff, their looks, their skills, or their popularity, we can't help but notice all the things other people have, and how those things compare to all the things we *wish* we had. But in this 4-week series, we're going to focus on four things that God has given to every single one of us. **You have a past, you have today, you have a future, and you have a family.** All four of these things make you valuable and uniquely you.

THIS WEEK

THE BIG IDEA

You have a future.

THE BIBLE

Exodus 1-18; Numbers 21:4-9, John 3:14-15;
Romans 8:28-30; I Peter 1:3-5

- **If you met your future self, what would you want to know about the future?**
- **If you could see the future, how do you think it would change your present?**
- **On a scale of 1-5 . . .**
 - **How easy is it for you to imagine your future?**
 - **How anxious do you feel about your future?**
 - **How hopeful do you feel about your future?**
- **What makes you most excited about your future?**
- **What is your biggest fear about your future?**
- **If Moses had known exactly how God was going to use him in the future, how do you think things would have been different for Moses?**
- **Use your imagination: if God were going to choose one ordinary moment from your life this week to make an impact for hundreds or thousands of years into the future, which moment might God use, and how might God use it?**
- **Read Romans 8:28. How does this passage change the way you see or feel about your future?**
- **What do you want to do, and who do you want to be this year? Next year? In 5 years? In 10 years?**
- **What's one way you need to trust God with your future right now? What are you going to do about it?**

ACTIVITY

At the end of your conversation, **collect everyone's goal sheets** (if they'd like to turn them in), make sure everyone's names have been written on them, and keep them somewhere safe until the end of the school year. Set a reminder on your phone or in your calendar to revisit those goals together at the end of the year.