

WEEK 4

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 family.

THE BIBLE

Exodus 17:8-16; 1 Corinthians 12:12-27;
Revelation 7:9; Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

- **Who are some of the people in your life who feel like family, even though you're not related?**
- **What are some of the ways the people in our lives shape who we are?**
- **Have you ever been part of a group that came together to support each other or someone else? Tell us about it.**
- **Read Ecclesiastes 4:9-12. Do you have any relationships like this right now? What makes those relationships feel like family?**
- **Share some of the names you listed in your "family." Which of those names are . . .**
 - **Your relatives?**
 - **Your friends or peers?**
 - **Your teachers, coaches, or mentors?**
 - **People in this room?**
- **Is there anyone on your list who you want to spend more time with, or learn from more regularly, and why?**
- **Is there anyone on your list you think you need to spend less time with, and why?**
- **Why do you think it's significant that God's family is made up of people "from every nation, tribe, and tongue"? How is your community similar to, or different from, the body of Christ in this way?**
- **Do you think your community needs to grow bigger, stronger, or both? What's one thing you can do about that this week?**
- **What's one thing our group can do to better act like family, to each other and to the world around us?**