

WEEK 4

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

Jesus proves that God is for us.

THE BIBLE

Genesis - Exodus; Isaiah 53;
Romans 8:31-40

- **Have you ever had to wait for something you really wanted? What was it and how long did you have to wait?**
- **We heard a lot of stories from the Old Testament this month. Which of those stories or people surprised you the most, and why?**
- **What questions do you still have about the people or stories we've talked about?**
- **What does God's plan (from Genesis to Jesus) tell us about what God is like?**
- **Read Romans 8:31-40. What words or phrases do you most connect with? How has your understanding of this passage deepened in the last few weeks?**
- **How do we know that God is "for" us?**
- **What are some reasons it could be difficult for someone to believe God is for them?**
- **What are some ways we can help others see that God is for them?**
- **What are some needs in our neighborhoods that Jesus would have met?**
- **What can our group do together to show others that we are for them?**

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.