

# WEEK 1

## SMALL GROUP GUIDE

**choose your own adventure**

Whether it's a journey to Mordor, The Upside Down, outer space, or wherever Forky ran off to this time, we all love a great adventure story. Maybe that's because, deep down, we know we're designed to live an adventure story of our own — and with Jesus, we can. There is no greater adventure than the journey of knowing God more deeply, so in this 4-week series, we'll talk about for ways we can do that: by **spending time with God, spending time with others, sharing our stories**, and using our gifts to **serve others**.

### THIS WEEK

#### THE BIG IDEA

Knowing God is an adventure,  
not a formula.

#### THE BIBLE

Luke 5, 6:12-13; Matthew 14:13;  
Mark 1:35, 14:32; James 4:8

- **How is spending time with God like spending time with friends? How is it different?**
- **What are some ways people see faith like a formula instead of an adventure? Why do you think that is?**
- **What are the most common ways people spend time with God? How are these ways of spending time with God helpful?**
- **How often do you try to spend time with God? When, where, and how?**
- **When you spend time with God, what is working well for you? What's not really working?**
- **How might each of these activities help you connect with God? Get creative!**

Singing  
Dancing

Journaling  
Silence

Writing  
Running

Camping  
Studying the Bible

- **What are some not-so-common ways of spending time with God? Let's brainstorm some together.**
- **What's one method of spending time with God that stood out to you, but that you hadn't considered before today? Why did it stand out to you?**
- **Read James 4:8. What does God promise us in this passage?**
- **This week, what's one way you're going to spend time with God? How can we help each other?**

#### ACTIVITY

Plan a group check-in during the week, either through text, video, or your favorite messaging app. Use that conversation to ask each other about how you each spent time with God that day.