

WEEK 1

SMALL GROUP GUIDE

MISSION POSSIBLE

Some people love spy stories for the action, gadgets, or disguises, but there's one thing no spy story could do without: an exciting mission. As followers of Jesus, we don't have any gadgets or disguises, but we do have a mission. It's our mission to share the good news of Jesus with the world. But that mission isn't always easy to accomplish. In this 4-week series, we'll discover that joining Jesus on His mission isn't easy, but it's not impossible. It's a mission that requires us to **be real, be helpful, be listeners, and be ready.**

THIS WEEK

THE BIG IDEA

Be real.

THE BIBLE

Matthew 28:18-20, 23:13-15, 25-28;
Luke 18:9-14; Galatians 6:1-3

- **Who's your favorite fictional person on a mission? What was their mission, and why were they successful (or not)?**
- **In your own words, what is our mission as followers of Jesus?**
- **How did you first hear about Jesus? How did you respond and why do you think you responded that way?**
- **How do you feel about sharing your faith with others? Why do you think you feel that way?**
- **Talk about a time you thought you had to be perfect in order to share your faith. What did you learn or wish you had done differently?**
- **Why do you think Jesus was so angry about the Pharisees' hypocrisy? What are some ways Christians' hypocrisy could keep people from coming to know Jesus today?**
- **As followers of Jesus, why is being real so important to our mission?**
- **What's one thing you're afraid to be honest or real about?**
- **Read Galatians 6:1-3. How can this passage help us learn how to be more real with ourselves, with God, and with each other?**
- **This week, what's one way you're going to work on being more real with yourself, with God, or with others?**

ACTIVITY

On note cards, have everyone write one fear they have about sharing their faith. Take turns sharing what you wrote. Then work together to **find passages of Scripture that respond to each fear with hope and truth.** Have students write those passages on the back of their cards.