

WEEK 4

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

You can change the world today,
not someday.

THE BIBLE

Matthew 25:31-46; James 2:14-19;
I Timothy 4:12

- **What's your favorite adventure story? What problems do the heroes in that story need to solve?**
- **How often do you think about the problems facing the world today: never, sometimes, or often? Why do you think that is?**
- **If you could solve one of the problems we listed today, which would you solve and why?**
- **In the world today, who do you think Jesus would say are some of the people most in need of help?**
- **What could you or I do to care for those people most in need of someone's help?**
- **Why do you think Jesus was so passionate about His followers caring for the people who are in the greatest need?**
- **Which do you think is the bigger problem, and why: faith without actions, or actions without faith?**
- **How can caring for "the least of these" help us grow closer to God?**
- **Read I Timothy 4:12. Have you ever seen a young person set an example for others with the way they're changing the world? Tell us about them.**
- **What's one problem you want to help solve, how are you going to help solve it, and how can we help each other?**

ACTIVITY

Say something like, "**Sometimes it's hard to see our own potential, so let's help each other see the potential we have to change the world.**" Give each student a chance to sit in The Hot Seat (or center of the circle) while other students share the world-changing potential they see in them and bring attention to the ways they've seen that student show God's love to others.