

WEEK 4

SMALL GROUP GUIDE

LIFELINES

Do you have any friendships you can really count on – the kind of friendships you might call your "lifelines?" God designed us to have friendships we can trust, but God also knew we'd need some help figuring out how to build friendships that are lifelines for each other. In this 4-week series, we'll look at the kind of friendship Jesus models for us: friendship that gives us **a place to be real**, gives us **a chance to grow**, gives us **a group when we feel alone**, and can even **change the world**.

THIS WEEK

THE BIG IDEA

Godly friendships can change the world.

THE BIBLE

Luke 4:14-21; Acts 2:42-47; Ephesians 5:1-2

- **Would you be more likely to try and change the world on your own or with a team? Why?**
- **If you could change the world in just one way, how would you change it?**
- **What would you try to change if you knew you had a whole team behind you?**
- **Has your heart ever felt broken for others by a problem, an issue, or an event? If it has, what was it? If it hasn't, why do you think that is?**
- **What's something you could share that would help someone else?**
- **What's a need that we could work together to meet?**
- **What's one consistent place you can show up for your friends weekly?**
- **Is there a meal could you share with your friends regularly?**
- **How can you make it a habit to say thanks for what God has done?**
- **Read Ephesians 5:1-2. What has Jesus done for us? What would it look like for us to imitate God by giving ourselves up for others?**

ACTIVITY

On scrap paper or card stock, have students draw the earth and their place on it. Ask them to write one word that explains the way they want to see the world change. Then have them write a prayer, using one of these prompts:

- Pray for a wrong to be made right.
- Describe a small thing you and your friends can do to change the world.
- Write a "we will" statement of how you and your friends will change the world.