

WEEK 3

SMALL GROUP GUIDE

CANCELED

You hear a lot about “cancel culture” these days. It’s what happens when swarms of people on the internet band together to call out, shame, or even “cancel” someone. And while there are definitely times when people or systems need to be called out and held accountable, we can all be a little too quick to be cruel to each other — online and offline too. In this 4-week series, we’ll get introduced to a few people from Scripture whose stories show us that humans have always struggled to choose love instead of hate. This problem isn’t a new one, but through the stories of Jesus, a few outcasts, a king, and a shepherd, we’ll see that God is challenging us to love people **who aren’t like us**, love people **who are in need**, love the people **we envy**, and love the people **we want to hate**.

THIS WEEK

THE BIG IDEA

Love the people you envy.

THE BIBLE

Proverbs 27:4; I Samuel 18:6-10, 19:1-12;
Matthew 22:36-39; Philippians 4:12

- If you could have something you really wanted for free, what one thing would you choose?
- How would you define “envy”? What do you think most people your age get envious about?
- Do you think anyone has ever been envious of you? How did that impact your relationship with them?
- Have you ever seen envy destroy a relationship? What do you think could be done to save a relationship being destroyed by jealousy?
- Have you ever experienced a negative emotion that grew bigger over time? What was it and how did you deal with it?
- How do you usually deal with jealousy when you experience it? How do you think you could deal with it better?
- In the passage of Scripture we read today, could you relate more to David, Saul, or both? Why?
- Read Philippians 4:12. What do you think it means to find contentment in Jesus?
- Don’t name names, but do you envy anyone right now? What do they have that you want?
- What’s something you can do this week to love someone you envy?

ACTIVITY

MAKE A BATTLE PLAN: Work together to find more passages of Scripture that can help us choose love instead of envy. When you’ve found a few passages, write them on note cards, take screenshots of them, or post them somewhere together as a reminder.