

# WEEK 1

## SMALL GROUP GUIDE

F O R E V E R

Easter is the day we celebrate Jesus rising from the dead, but let's be honest — that's not always easy to believe. How does someone just stop being dead? Are we sure it happened? What if it didn't? And if it did, so what? What does it have to do with our lives today? Well, it turns out we're not the only ones who've asked questions like this. When Jesus died, even His closest friends and followers had questions, fears, and doubts. In this 2-week series, we'll see how Jesus shared the good news with His friends that He really was alive, and that nothing (not even death) could separate them from God's love — not ever. The same is true for us today and forever. Because the love of Jesus **is bigger than our doubts** and **gives us hope**.

### THIS WEEK

#### THE BIG IDEA

The love of Jesus is bigger than our doubts.

#### THE BIBLE

John 18:17-18, 20:1-10 and 24-29;  
Romans 8:35-39; Psalm 91:14-16

- What's something you could do "forever"?
- Between home, school, friends, and everything else, what are some of the things you feel like you're "juggling" right now?
- Is your faith one of the things you're "juggling"? How easy or difficult is it for you to make your faith a priority right now?
- What are some reasons why people your age might have questions or doubts about Jesus?
- What are some of the questions or doubts you think people have about God or their faith? Do you share any of those questions or doubts?
- Do you relate to Peter, Mary, or Thomas in the stories we read? If so, how?
- What do you think we should do when we have a big question or doubt about God? What shouldn't we do?
- Read Psalm 91:14-16. What do you think this Psalm has to do with our conversation today?
- What's one big doubt or question you have about God right now?
- How do you think Jesus' love for you can help you in the midst of your doubt or question?

#### ACTIVITY

Hand out scraps of paper or index cards and ask students to anonymously write down one big doubt or question they have right now. Depending on your group dynamics you can either share them with the group and discuss them or take them home with you to read and consider.