

Have you ever been confident about something (like, really confident) only to find out later that you were really wrong? It happens! We're all bound to get things wrong once in a while, but when our eyes are opened to the truth, what matters is that we change our minds. But when it comes to Jesus, it's not always easy to know what the truth is or how to share that truth with others. What do we do with all of the big questions that hard to answer? Is Jesus still trustworthy even when His followers mess up or life gets hard? In this 4-week series, God invites us to look, and then see, that Jesus is someone **we can believe** in, Jesus **teaches us new things**, God can use your story to **help others see**, and **God gives us the strength** to keep following Jesus.

THIS WEEK

THE BIG IDEA

God gives us the strength to follow Jesus.

THE BIBLE

Hebrews 12:1-3; Romans 12:2; Matthew 28:18-20; I John 4:7-12

- What kind of race would you be most likely to win?
- How is following Jesus like running in a race?
- What are some of the reasons we need perseverance to keep following Jesus?
- Why do you think people continue to follow Jesus even though it's often difficult?
- How do you think remembering the believers who came before us can help us on our journeys?
- If the goals of the race we're running are to become more like Jesus and help others know Him, which of those goals is more difficult for you and why?
- Read I John 4:7-12. Why do you think loving others has to do with becoming more like Jesus and helping others know Him?
- In what ways do you need God to give you strength right now?
- At this point in your "race," what's one way you need to become more like Jesus?
- At this point in your "race," what's one thing you can do to help someone else get to know Jesus?

ACTIVITY

If your group has been researching the questions from Week 1, have them share what they discovered. Discuss what they found and help them understand and apply it to their lives.