

WEEK 3

SMALL GROUP GUIDE



If you've ever gone hiking before, especially in the winter, you know that "breaking trail" is something you do when you encounter deep snow that's tough to navigate. When that happens, one hiker usually goes ahead of their group and clears the way so others can follow behind more easily. A trail-breaker is someone who goes ahead, who makes a new way, and who invites others to follow along behind them. In so many ways, that's exactly what Jesus did for us. He broke a new trail just by existing, but he did so much more than that too. In this 6-week Easter series, we'll read the stories of Jesus breaking new trails as we discover that **Jesus never gives up on us, understands our pain, shows us love, is alive, can be trusted, and gives us a mission.**

THIS WEEK

THE BIG IDEA

Jesus shows us love.

THE BIBLE

Luke 23:32-56; Philippians 2:5-11;
Ephesians 2:8-9

- **Who is the best person you know? What makes them so great?**
- **In your opinion, what does it mean to be a "good" person? What about a "bad" person?**
- **On a scale of 1-5, how good of a person do you think you are? Explain!**
- **Do you think there's anyone so bad God shouldn't forgive them? Why or why not?**
- **What can we learn about Jesus from His interactions with the other two men being crucified?**
- **Without using the word "love," explain how Jesus treated the man who was dying beside him.**
- **Read Ephesians 2:8-9. What does this passage tell us about ourselves? What does it tell us about God?**
- **Has your life ever been changed by God's compassionate love for you? If so, how?**
- **God's love is unconditional, but do you think that means we should always show people love unconditionally? Why or why not?**
- **If it's true Jesus shows us love, what's one thing you can do this week to respond to that truth?**