

# WEEK 2

## SMALL GROUP GUIDE



With social media, just about anyone can be an **influencer** with the right content, good timing, and a little bit of luck. Invent a new dance, share a funny take, catch the right moment on camera, and you could get millions of views. Some **influencers** mostly just use their platforms to get free stuff, but once in a while, you find someone who uses their platform to talk about things that actually matter. Obviously, they didn't have social media back in Jesus' day, but in the Bible, the book of Acts is filled with stories about **influencers** who had important things to say. In this 4-week series, we'll hear their stories, discover that **our lives can pass on the good news**, and learn how to pass on the good news to **unexpected people**, to **our families**, and **with humility**.

### THIS WEEK

#### THE BIG IDEA

We can pass on the good news to unexpected people.

#### THE BIBLE

Acts 10:9-11:18; Luke 7:36-50;  
I Peter 3:15

- **If you could be forever uninvited from doing one thing you hate doing, what would it be?**
- **Have you ever not been invited to do something you really wanted to do? What was that like?**
- **What are some of the ways we exclude people by accident? What about on purpose?**
- **Why do you think Peter didn't want to eat with people who didn't share his religious traditions? Why did he change his mind?**
- **What are some of the reasons why someone might feel unwelcome at church or around followers of Jesus?**
- **If Jesus were on earth today, what kinds of "unexpected" people do you think he might be spending time with? Why do you think so?**
- **Read I Peter 3:15. Have you ever seen someone try to pass on the good news without "gentleness and respect"? What happened and what can we learn from that?**
- **What are some of the reasons you might have a hard time including someone in your circle of friends? What would it look like to show more "gentleness and respect" in those situations?**
- **Do you think it's important for someone to feel loved by Jesus' followers before they decide to follow Jesus for themselves? Why or why not?**
- **Who is an "unexpected" person God might be asking you to include this week? What are you going to do about it?**