

WEEK 3

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

You can pass on the good news to your family.

THE BIBLE

Acts 16:9-15; II Timothy 1:3-5;
II Corinthians 5:18-20; I Timothy 4:12

- Which fictional family is your family most like and why?
- Do your family members have mostly similar or mostly different beliefs about God? What's that like?
- Who in your family are you most comfortable talking to about God? Why is it easy to talk to them?
- Is there anyone in your family you're not comfortable talking to about God? Why or why not?
- We don't know the details, but if you had to guess, why do you think Lydia's family was so receptive to the good news of Jesus when she shared it with them? How do you think your family would respond if you were in Lydia's shoes?
- If someone is the only Jesus-follower in their family, do you think that means they're responsible for getting the rest of their family to know Jesus? Why or why not?
- How can we be "ambassadors" for Jesus when our families don't already know him? How can we be "ambassadors" when our families already do know Jesus?
- Read I Timothy 4:12. What do you think it would look like to "set an example" for your family with your speech? Your conduct? Your love? Your faith? Your purity?
- This week, what's one way you're going to pass on the good news to your family with your actions? What do you think your biggest challenge will be?
- Is there anyone in your family who might need you to share the good news of Jesus with your words? If so, what do you think your biggest challenge will be?

ACTIVITY

Spend time praying for each other, for each other's families, and for the needs and challenges that were mentioned during your conversation.