

WEEK 2

SMALL GROUP GUIDE

THE HAVES & have-nots

How many times have you compared yourself with someone else today? Seriously — see if you can count. Whether it's their stuff, their looks, their skills, or their popularity, we can't help but notice all the things other people have, and how those things compare to all the things we *wish* we had. But in this 4-week series, we're going to focus on four things that God has given to every single one of us. **You have a past, you have today, you have a future, and you have a family.** All four of these things make you valuable and uniquely you.

THIS WEEK

THE BIG IDEA

You have today.

THE BIBLE

Exodus 3-4; Ephesians 2:4-10;
John 10:10; Psalm 139

- **In the last week, what's one way you've seen yourself or someone else compare themselves with others?**
- **How has comparing yourself with others either hurt you or helped you?**
- **What's one way you sometimes get stuck in the past, instead of living in the present?**
- **What's one way you sometimes get stuck thinking about the future, instead of living in the present?**
- **What's one part of Moses' story that you can relate to, and why?**
- **Talk about a time you didn't do what God was inviting you to do. What kept you from doing it?**
- **What's one thing you think God is asking you to do that you haven't done yet? Why haven't you done it?**
- **Look up Psalm 139. What's one line or verse that stands out to you? Read it and tell us what it means to you.**
- **What do you think might change about your life if you really believed you were loved by God?**
- **What's one step you can take to follow Jesus more fully today?**

ACTIVITY

One at a time, choose a student in your group to affirm. For each student, ask the group to **identify five God-given qualities or strengths that they can see in that person today.** End your time by seating each person in the middle of the group, one at a time, with everyone else embracing or placing their hands on that person (with their permission) and praying for them.