

WEEK 4

DISCUSSION GUIDE

PLOT TWIST

Whether it's your favorite movie, book, or reality show, you know there's nothing like a good plot twist! Those storytelling surprises can keep us entertained, but they can do a lot more than that too. A good plot twist can make us rethink everything we thought we knew, see things in a brand new light, and get excited about what might happen next. That's never more true than in the most surprising and significant plot twist in history — Jesus' death and resurrection. In this six-week series, we'll look at six surprising stories from Jesus' death, resurrection, and last days on earth. These stories will show us that, when life takes unexpected turns, **God gives us help**. And even when we've messed up or are ready to give up, **Jesus never turns away from us**, but **gives us life, gives us hope, is with us**, and **gives us another chance**.

THIS WEEK

BIG IDEA

When all seems lost,
Jesus is our hope.

BIBLE

John 20:19-23; 1 Peter 1:3-9;
Ephesians 1:18

QUESTIONS

- What's the best thing that happened to you this week? What's the worst?
- When life is painful or overwhelming, what helps you find joy or hope again?
- What are some reasons people might feel lost or hopeless? Which of those can you relate to?
- When life is painful or overwhelming, what are some unhealthy ways people tend to react? Which of those can you relate to?
- How did Jesus give hope to his disciples when they needed it?
- How does Jesus continue to give us hope today?
- In what ways do you think the hope Jesus offers is more than just optimism or wishful thinking?
- Has Jesus ever given you hope during a difficult time? Tell us about that experience.
- Read Ephesians 1:18. Who is someone you know (including yourself) who needs this prayer right now, and why?
- This week, what's one step you're going to take toward finding hope for yourself or someone you care about?



Pray for each other and anyone you mentioned in your conversation who needs hope right now.