

# WEEK 5

## 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 we feel alone,  
Jesus is present.

### **BIBLE**

Luke 24:13-35;  
Psalm 116:1-5, 139:7-10

## QUESTIONS

- If you could design an imaginary friend and have them come to life, what would they be like?
- Do you think a lot of people experience loneliness? Why or why not?
- What are some reasons you've felt alone before?
- When you feel alone, what helps you feel less lonely?
- Why don't you think Jesus' friends recognized him on the road to Emmaus? What do you think helped them finally recognize him?
- What do you think Jesus was thinking when his friends didn't recognize him? Why do you think so?
- Have you ever sensed Jesus' presence with you when you really needed it? What happened?
- Read Psalm 139:7-10. When is it easy for you to believe this? When is it difficult?
- How would it change things for you if you really believed Jesus was always with you?
- This week, how are you going to remind yourself that Jesus is with you? How can we remind each other?