

WEEK 2

SMALL GROUP GUIDE

SQUAD UP

Everyone wants a squad — a community of people that cares for us, helps and supports us, and gives us a place to belong. In short, we all want to be part of a community that feels like family. That kind of community isn't easy to come by, but it's exactly what Jesus had in mind for His followers when the Church first began. In this series, we'll discover why the word "Church" means something much bigger than a building, we'll learn what life was like for some of the earliest Christians, and we'll explore four big ideas that mean as much for us today as they did to the Jesus-followers who lived nearly 2,000 years ago. The truth is, **we can all be part of God's family**, and because we're God's family, we can **do for others what God has done for us**, we can **grow together**, and we can **stand strong together**.

THIS WEEK

THE BIG IDEA

We can do for others what God has done for us.

THE BIBLE

Ephesians 2:1-22; Colossians 3:13

- **What's your favorite famous or fictional feud and why?**
- **Talk about a pointless fight you've had with someone recently.**
- **Do you feel like there is a wall between you and someone else right now? What is that wall made of (resentment, misunderstanding, hurt feelings, jealousy, pride)?**
- **Have you ever felt distant or disconnected from God? What do you think caused it?**
- **In your own words, what does "reconcile" mean? How would you explain to a friend how Jesus "reconciles" us to God?**
- **What are some of the barriers that keep people from trusting Jesus' plan to reconcile us with God?**
- **Read Colossians 3:13. Which of these is more difficult for you: asking for forgiveness, or giving forgiveness? Why?**
- **If you were "building a table" for someone you need to reconcile with, what materials would you need? (Humility, patience, trust?)**
- **Is there a wall between you and God that needs to be torn down? What are you going to do about it?**
- **Is there a wall between you and someone else that needs to be torn down? What move can you make to make things right with them?**