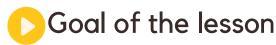




Week 2 Small Group Guide





Scripture

Genesis 16:1-13

You are loved and seen by God.

For students to identify one way their life is being affected by feeling left out, lonely, less than, unloved, or unseen + how their life might also be affected by God's love.

??? Small Group Questions

What's something that stood out to your or resonated with you about tonight's human of the bible?

- Can you think of a recent situation where everything inside of you just wanted to run away from it? Does anyone feel comfortable sharing what it was, whether it isn't that serious or is a little heavy?
- Hagar ran into the wilderness to a stream, which would have been a lifesource in the desert. What's your stream in the middle of the desert? What's your safe place?
- While it provided Hagar with a refuge in the moment, deserts aren't places you stay long-term, especially alone, without shelter, without community, without food. What are some things that prevent you from reaching out to others or to God to ask for help?
- What do you think it means to "live loved" by God? Compare it to how might "live loved" in other relationships we have, like with family or friends. What might that look like? What do you think it feels like?
- Do you think it's possible to live loved even when you feel less than, left out, lonely, unloved, and unseen?

Closing Activity



Ask each student to spend one minute in silence, thinking about a weakness or thing that they worry makes them not enough for others.