



# SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

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### BOTTOM LINE

God's grace is unfairly good.

### SCRIPTURE

After breakfast Jesus asked Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," Peter replied, "you know I love you." "Then feed my lambs," Jesus told him. Jesus repeated the question: "Simon son of John, do you love me?" "Yes, Lord," Peter said, "you know I love you." "Then take care of my sheep," Jesus said. A third time he asked him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt that Jesus asked the question a third time. He said, "Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you." Jesus said, "Then feed my sheep (John 21:15-17 NLT).

### GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To help students recognize the ways they've counted themselves out of a relationship with God, and to help them remember that there's nothing they can do to be separated from God's love.

### THINK ABOUT THIS

Leaders—high schoolers think like philosophers. That means they not only want to know what God cares about but they are often asking why. Plan a little extra time for question number five as it may take a few moments for students to wrestle through why sin still matters even if God forgives.

Create meaningful conversation. Adjust the questions as needed, and don't feel like you need to answer all of them.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are some things in life you wish were more fair?
2. When's a time when you were glad that you *didn't* get what you deserved?
3. How do you think God feels about you when you sin? How do you feel about yourself after you realize that you've messed up?
4. After seeing how Jesus responded to Peter, how do you think Jesus views you when you mess up?
5. If God loves us no matter what, why do you think HE still cares about sin? (Leaders—it will be tempting to answer this question for students, but allow them to wrestle with it for a few moments. If they get stuck, steer them toward the truth that **God hates sin because sin hurts people, including us.**)
6. Just as Jesus told Peter to "take care of His sheep," how can we take care of His sheep—His people—by showing the same unfair grace God has shown you to other people this week?

### TRY THIS

Leaders—this week's message is for you, too! In the same way you are encouraging your students to "take care of Jesus' sheep" this week, ask yourself: What can I do to love my students the way Jesus loved Peter? Just like Jesus had breakfast with Peter, maybe that means reaching out and inviting a student to coffee who you sense may be distancing themselves because they messed up. Or, instead of texting a student, give them a call and let them know that you're thinking about them.