

WEEK 2

SMALL GROUP GUIDE

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When Jesus was on earth, he had a lot to say about love, but not everyone loved him. Instead, Jesus' opponents hated him, attacked him, and saw him as extreme – dangerous – revolutionary – a *radical*. And they had a point! The things Jesus taught about loving God and loving others challenged the status quo and changed the world forever. That's pretty radical. In this 4-week series from the book of James, we'll look at four ways Jesus invites us to love according to his revolutionary example. These ideas might seem simple, but when we choose to **listen more than we speak, refuse to play favorites, watch our words, and fight for peace**, we'll see just how radical Jesus' teachings really are.

THIS WEEK

THE BIG IDEA

Radical people don't play favorites.

THE BIBLE

James 2:1-17; Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23;
Romans 2:11

- What's your favorite thing?
- What kind of people are your favorite kind of people?
- Do you think it's okay to have favorite people? Why or why not?
- What's the difference between having favorite people and showing favoritism?
- What are some reasons someone might show favoritism? Why are those reasons unhealthy?
- Read Romans 2:11. Do you ever feel like God plays favorites? Tell us why.
- How does Jesus show us God doesn't play favorites?
- Think about the kinds of people you spend the most time with. Who is not represented in that group?
- Have you excluded, hurt, or been prejudiced against anyone recently? What do you think you could be missing out on by excluding them?
- This week, what's one thing you can do to include more people instead of playing favorites?