

# SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

## Hello, My Name Is / Week 1

PRELUDE SOCIAL WORSHIP STORY GROUPS HOME

# LEADER PREP

# **CONVERSATION GUIDE**

#### **BOTTOM LINE**

What God says about you is the most important thing about you.

#### SCRIPTURE

See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are! But the people who belong to this world don't recognize that we are God's children because they don't know him (I John 3:1 NLT).

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you" (Jeremiah 1:5 NIV).

#### GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To encourage students to elevate God's view of them over other people's view of them.

#### THINK ABOUT THIS

Leaders—avoid the temptation to gloss over the messages students have gotten from friends, teachers, and family. Phrases like, "Don't worry about it," and "That's not true," aren't exactly helpful. Instead, build up what God says about them in the midst of what they're hearing at home and at school.

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

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- 1. When is a time that a label affected the way you see yourself?
- 2. Why do you think labels are so powerful?
- 3. Why is it so easy to allow other people to decide who you are?
- 4. What do you think God thinks about you? How does that affect the way you see yourself?
- 5. Why is it difficult to believe that God loves you and likes you?
- 6. How would your life look different if you believed that God's view of you is the most important thing about you?
- 7. What's one way you can remind yourself of what God says about you?

### TRY THIS

Leaders—sometime this week, remind your students what God thinks about them by texting them this verse: "For the Lord your God is living among you. He is a mighty savior. He will take delight in you with gladness. With his love, he will calm all your fears. He will rejoice over you with joyful songs" (Zephaniah 3:17 NLT).