

WEEK 1

SMALL GROUP GUIDE *for middle schoolers*

IN REPAIR

BIG IDEA

Jesus came to repair our relationship with God.

BIBLE

Matthew 9:18–26;
Ephesians 4:32; Romans
5:1–2

ABOUT THIS WEEK

Repairs like gluing a broken trophy are simple compared to restoring someone's health. This week, we'll see how Jesus healed a woman who suffered for years and brought a young girl back to life, proving nothing was beyond his power to restore. Jesus also showed that his power went beyond physical needs—because, ultimately, **Jesus came to repair our relationship with God.**

DISCUSSION

- When something breaks, are you more likely to try to fix it or just buy a new one?
- Have you ever broken something and couldn't fix it?
- What do you think it felt like to be the father or the woman in the story—holding onto hope in impossible situations? What would it look like for you to have hope like theirs?
- Read 2 Corinthians 5:18–20. Does knowing God wants to reconcile with us change the way you see God? What does this reveal about God's feelings towards you?
- What holds you back from allowing Jesus to repair your relationship with God? Why do you think that barrier is there?
- What does it look like to let Jesus heal your relationship with God? What is one step you can make towards allowing that to happen in your life?

MEMORY VERSE

"Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." — 1 John 3:18 (NIV)