

WEEK 3

SMALL GROUP GUIDE *for middle schoolers*

IN REPAIR

BIG IDEA

Jesus helps us repair the harm we've done.

BIBLE

John 18:15–18, 21:15–19;
Colossians 1:13–14;
Psalm 86:5–6

ABOUT THIS WEEK

It's frustrating when we break something important, like a favorite keepsake, but it's even more complicated when we hurt someone we care about. This week, we'll see how Peter denied knowing Jesus, but Jesus gave him a chance to show his love and rebuild their friendship. This proved that no mistake is too big to fix because **Jesus helps us repair the harm we've done.**

DISCUSSION

- What's one thing you actually don't mind cleaning because it feels so satisfying once it's done?
- Have you ever hurt a friend—maybe even without meaning to? How did you handle it? Have you ever been the one who was hurt? How did you deal with that?
- When you think about the way Jesus responded to Peter after Peter hurt their relationship, what stands out to you? Do you think you could respond that way to someone who hurt you? Why or why not?
- Read Psalm 86:5–6. How challenging is it for you to show yourself mercy when you've hurt someone? What makes that difficult?
- What keeps you from repairing what's broken?
- What relationship in your life do you need to take a step towards making things right? How can you trust Jesus to help you repair the harm?

MEMORY VERSE

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