

WEEK 2

SMALL GROUP GUIDE

CANCELED

You hear a lot about “cancel culture” these days. It's what happens when swarms of people on the internet band together to call out, shame, or even "cancel" someone. And while there are definitely times when people or systems need to be called out and held accountable, we can all be a little too quick to be cruel to each other — online and offline too. In this 4-week series, we'll get introduced to a few people from Scripture whose stories show us that humans have always struggled to choose love instead of hate. This problem isn't a new one, but through the stories of Jesus, a few outcasts, a king, and a shepherd, we'll see that God is challenging us to love people **who aren't like us**, love people **who are in need**, love the people **we envy**, and love the people **we want to hate**.

THIS WEEK

THE BIG IDEA

Love people who are in need.

THE BIBLE

Mark 10:46-52; Luke 8:40-48;
Matthew 25:31-46

- **Have you ever had to give or ask for help for something really obvious, easy, or funny? What was it?**
- **Have you ever lost your patience when you were trying to help someone? Tell us about it!**
- **Why do you think most people don't help each other more often?**
- **When you watched the video of the little girl who needed help, what did you notice, think, or feel?**
- **In that video, how did people respond to the little girl's needs? Do you think you've ever behaved that way when someone was in need?**
- **What do you wish the people in that video could have done differently?**
- **Reread Mark 10:46-52 or Luke 8:40-48. What did you notice about the way Jesus treated Bartimaeus and the ill woman?**
- **If Jesus lived in our community or went to your school, what kinds of needs do you think He would be meeting?**
- **Talk about a time someone loved you when you were in need.**
- **Who is someone whose needs you can meet this week? What will you do about it?**

ACTIVITY

Challenge your students to identify a specific need in your community, church, or group, and then create a plan together of how you'll help meet that need together. If any of your students shared a need that they or their families are currently experiencing, start there!