

SMALL  GROUP

# SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

This Is Real Love / Week 2

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## BEFORE GROUP

### BOTTOM LINE

Jesus treats everyone like they are important.

### SCRIPTURE

*John 20:11-18 NLT*

### GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To show students their value, worth, and importance can be found in Jesus and to remind them of the significance of Jesus' resurrection in their lives and faith.

### THINK ABOUT THIS

Remember that Easter is a season when some families show up to church after a long absence or even for the very first time. That means the likelihood you'll have new students this week is high. You'll be leading the conversation for students who are coming in with all different backgrounds, perspectives, and understandings of Jesus, the resurrection, and what it all means for their lives. While the heart in leading your middle schoolers is always to help them take important steps of faith, don't diminish what a big step it is simply to show up. If they don't walk away from this conversation confident in what they believe or what Easter means for them, that's okay! The goal is simply to make any student who enters your small group, for the first time or the millionth time, feel seen and important. That way, when they walk away, they do so with the desire to come back and continue the conversation.

*This guide is a suggestion, not a formula. Adjust the content as needed, and don't feel like you need to complete everything listed.*

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## DURING GROUP

### JUST FOR FUN

In your opinion, who's the most important person in the world right now? Why?

### DISCUSS THIS

1. On a scale of 1 to 10, how often do you feel important?
  2. What might make a middle schooler feel important with . . .
    - a. Their friends/ family/ teammates/ God?
  3. How does Jesus' treatment of Mary show us that we are important to Him?
  4. What's one way the Easter story shows us that we're important to Jesus?
  5. Does Jesus' resurrection feel important to your life today? Why or why not?
  6. What's one step you can take to believe you're important... Show others they're important?
  7. What's one step you can take to remember Jesus' real love is really for you?
  8. Why should the fact that we are important to Jesus affect how we live our lives?
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