

# WEEK 3

## SMALL GROUP GUIDE

# W A I T L I S T E D

You know that feeling you get when someone makes you a big promise? You probably feel excited, but you might feel a little skeptical too — especially when that promise gets delayed . . . and delayed again . . . and again. If you have to wait long enough for something you were promised, you might start to wonder when you've waited long enough. Eventually, you might even give up hope. In this 4-week series, we'll meet a handful of people from Scripture who each spent a long time waiting on God. From the stories of Abraham and Sarah, Paul and Silas, King David, and Joseph, we'll discover that **God has a plan, but we might have to wait for it**, and we'll be reminded that, while we're waiting, **God is faithful, God is listening**, and we **should never give up**, because God's not giving up on us.

## THIS WEEK

### THE BIG IDEA

While we're waiting,  
God is listening.

### THE BIBLE

Psalms 57:1-5, 66:16-20, 116:1-6;  
I John 5:14-15

- What's something you've been listening to recently?
- When do you struggle to listen or pay attention?
- When do you feel most heard or listened to? When do you not feel heard or listened to?
- Why do you think some people struggle to believe God is listening to them?
- When you heard David's story, what stood out to you or surprised you and why?
- How do you think David developed the confidence to write so many psalms about God listening to his prayers?
- Have you ever struggled to believe God heard your prayers? Tell us about it!
- If a friend said they weren't sure God heard their prayers, how would you encourage them? Did you need to hear any of the advice we just shared?
- Read I John 5:14-15. God hears every prayer, but do you think God answers every prayer? Why or why not?
- This week, what's something you're going to talk to God about more often?