

WEEK 2

DISCUSSION GUIDE

BENEATH THE
SURFACE

Who do you think you are? You might define your identity around your skills, abilities, and giftings. Those are great ways to start our journey, but they don't quite reach the center. In the same way, an oceanographer heads into the depths to reveal the ocean's mysteries, we'll need to prepare to dive deep to discover who we are and who we are becoming. As we venture beneath the surface, we'll look at the formative years of Jesus' life to see how he began to discover his identity and purpose. Through stories of his personal experiences, habits, and relationships, we'll find how God helps us understand our identities. We'll see how **God helps us discover who we're becoming** and how **God's words help us discover who we are**. We'll also learn how **the right relationships help us discover how to grow** and how **Jesus helps us discover purpose**.

THIS WEEK

BIG IDEA

God's words help us discover
who we are.

BIBLE

Mark 1:4–11; Psalm 139:13–18;
Romans 12:3–8

- **Have you ever taken a silly "which character are you" personality test? What was it? What were the results? Do you feel like it is accurate?**
- **How much is who you think you are influenced by your friends and family? What do you think about that? Do you think they are accurate?**
- **Have you ever felt lost on who you are or are supposed to be? What has helped you through that?**
- **How do you think other people perceive you? What do they have, right? What do they have wrong?**
- **What stood out to you in the story of Jesus' baptism?**
- **What would it look like for you to live from the love of God and not for the love of God?**
- **When you look below the surface of who you are, what parts of you do you think God put there on purpose? What would it look like to thank God for those things?**
- **What keeps you from believing what God says about you? How would your life look different if you started believing those things?**
- **What steps would you take this week to ask God about who you are?**
- **Read Romans 12:3–8. What is one gift in this passage that you sense God has given to you? What is one step you will take to use that gift this week?**