

WEEK 1

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 helps us discover who we're becoming.

BIBLE

Luke 2:40–52; Proverbs 2:1–6;
2 Corinthians 10:5

- **Would you rather go big wave surfing or deep sea diving? Which one feels scarier to you? Why?**
- **Do you feel like looking beneath the surface of who you are is scary? Why or why not?**
- **On a scale of 1–5, how much pressure do you feel to grow up or figure out who you want to be?**
- **What do you already know about yourself and feel comfortable sharing with us?**
- **What surprises you in the story of Jesus' youth?**
- **Why might Jesus rely on a community of people as he was growing up? What does this tell you about who God is?**
- **What is something in Proverbs 2:1–6 that you can start doing to allow God to help you discover who you are?**
- **When will you talk with God about who you are becoming this week?**
- **Read 2 Corinthians 10:5. What lies have you believed about who you are becoming? What would it look like to bring those lies to Jesus and replace them with who God says you are?**
- **What keeps you from allowing God to help you discover who you are becoming? What is one step you will take to let God help show you who you are this week?**