

# WEEK 3

## SMALL GROUP GUIDE

# SQUAD UP

Everyone wants a squad — a community of people that cares for us, helps and supports us, and gives us a place to belong. In short, we all want to be part of a community that feels like family. That kind of community isn't easy to come by, but it's exactly what Jesus had in mind for His followers when the Church first began. In this series, we'll discover why the word "Church" means something much bigger than a building, we'll learn what life was like for some of the earliest Christians, and we'll explore four big ideas that mean as much for us today as they did to the Jesus-followers who lived nearly 2,000 years ago. The truth is, **we can all be part of God's family**, and because we're God's family, we can **do for others what God has done for us**, we can **grow together**, and we can **stand strong together**.

## THIS WEEK

### THE BIG IDEA

We can grow together.

### THE BIBLE

Ephesians 4:1-32

- **Have you ever been on a team? What kind of team? Was it a winning team?**
- **What's one positive quality you bring to a team?**
- **Have you and your friends ever tried to pull off an epic plan? Did it succeed?**
- **What are some things churches and teams have in common?**
- **What are some of the ways the Church can help us grow?**
- **What do you think it means to grow spiritually? How do you know when you're growing spiritually?**
- **Who is someone in your life that helps you grow? What are they like?**
- **What are some of the ways we can help each other grow spiritually?**
- **Read Ephesians 4:15. What's one situation where you might need to speak the truth in love to a friend? How should we respond when someone speaks the truth in love to us?**
- **What's one thing you can do to:**
  - **Be real with your squad?**
  - **Learn with your squad?**
  - **Add to your squad?**
  - **Stick with your squad?**