

WEEK 4

SMALL GROUP GUIDE for middle schoolers

UNBELIEVABLE

BIG IDEA

When you want to walk away, trust God isn't finished yet.

BIBLE

John 6:66–69, 11:38–44;
Philippians 1:6

ABOUT THIS WEEK

Believing the unbelievable things about God isn't always easy—sometimes, it's tempting to walk away when things don't make sense. This week, we'll see how Peter followed Jesus even when others stopped because he knew that God had a bigger plan. His story shows us that, even when we can't see the full picture and **when you want to walk away, trust God isn't finished yet.**

MEMORY VERSE

"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us." — 1 John 5:14 (NIV)

DISCUSSION

- If you were offered a huge reward, would you be willing to face your biggest fear? Why or why not?
- What are the biggest reasons you feel like quitting when things get tough?
- Why do you think people were walking away from Jesus? Why do you think the disciples stayed?
- Read Philippians 1:6. Can you think of a time when you saw God finish something in your life (or someone else's) because you didn't give up? What do you think it means for God to "complete" something?
- Who is one person you trust to talk to when you feel like quitting? How would it feel to be honest about those struggles?
- When you feel like giving up, what is one thing you can do to remember that God isn't finished yet?