

WEEK 3

DISCUSSION GUIDE

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SIDE

When Jesus was on earth, he wasn't exactly known for telling people what they wanted to hear. Jesus' message was unlike any message people had ever heard before. He didn't give shallow motivational speeches or feel-good sermons. He didn't recycle the same messages other religious leaders were teaching. He flipped people's ideas about God, the world, and themselves completely upside down — usually in uncomfortable ways. And that's always how God's words have worked! In this four-week series, we'll compare Jesus' words in the Gospels with the words of the Old Testament prophets to see how God's words have always challenged our understanding of what's wrong or right, good or bad, and just or unjust. We'll talk about how, both then and now, God flips our **assumptions about who God values**, our **definition of righteousness**, our **understanding of what's good enough**, and our **definition of justice**.

THIS WEEK

BIG IDEA

Jesus flipped our understanding of what's good enough.

BIBLE

Matthew 5:38-48; Ephesians 2:4-7;
Colossians 3:12-13

QUESTIONS

- What's a situation where you never settle for "good enough"? What's a situation where you definitely do?
- When do you think it's okay to settle for "good enough"? When is it not?
- If following Jesus was a scale of 1-5 (with 3 being "good enough") what do you think each number on that scale would look like?
- What are some reasons we sometimes settle for "good enough" when it comes to following Jesus?
- What do you think the religious people of Jesus' day got wrong about what God wanted from them? Do you see any similarities to religious people today?
- How did Jesus flip our understanding of what God says is "good enough"?
- Read Colossians 3:12-13. When is it most difficult for you to do this?
- Talk about a time you did the bare minimum when someone was difficult to love. What do you think Jesus might be inviting you to do differently next time?
- What are some things that could prevent you from going the second mile for someone? How can we help each other overcome those obstacles?
- This week, what is one way God might be inviting you to go the second mile for someone? What are you going to do about it?



Grab a pad of sticky notes and a marker! As you discuss the question about creating a scale of 1-5, use your sticky notes to capture everyone's responses and make the scale on a nearby wall or floor.