

WEEK 5

MIDDLE SCHOOL DISCUSSION GUIDE

THIS WEEK

BIG IDEA

God isn't finished with you, and that's good news!

BIBLE

2 Corinthians 5:17; Philippians 1:6; Romans 12:1-2

ABOUT THIS WEEK

There are people in our lives who can bring a sense of calm to any situation. This week, we'll hear the story of when Jesus calmed a storm while he was on a boat with his disciples. Jesus can handle so much more than we could ever imagine, so **from now on, let Jesus give you peace.**

Let's Break the Ice // [OPTIONAL] Discipleship Moment Follow Up

- What's something you used to be bad at, but you've improved in it over time? What was the process like?
- Last week we talked about taking bold steps in our faith. Who took that bold step and how did it go?

Before We Open Our Bibles

- What stood out to you from the message today?
- Have you ever felt "stuck" in your faith or like you're not going? Explain.

Bible Study

- Read Together: As a group read 2 Corinthians 5:17; Philippians 1:6; Romans 12:1-2
 - *Telos Bible Page Numbers: 2 Corinthians 5:17 (pg 1135) // Philippians 1:6 (pg 1160); // Romans 12:1-2 (1111)*

Discussion Questions:

- What does it mean to be a "new creation" in Christ?
- Why do you think change in our faith doesn't happen all at once?
- How can we "let God change the way we think"? What does that look like in every day life?

Make it Real:

- Who's someone you can trust to help you stay focused and encourage your growth?

Prayer

- Ask students to be honest about ways in which they feel stuck and invite them to pray with one another about these things.

[OPTIONAL] Discipleship Moment: Spiritual Growth Reflection

Challenge students to journal or make a note in their phone this week where they answer these three questions at some point this week: (1) What is one way I've grown spiritually this year? (2) What is God teaching me right now? (3) What is another area He may want to work on?