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**BiG iDEa:** God invites me to give and receive His life-altering love.

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*Growing Deeper* this week...

Have you ever had a moment that took your breath away? This is life as it is meant to be. The kind of unspeakable, take-your-breath-away life that Jesus alone can bring. Take some time throughout this week to read and reflect on what God's word says on the subject from the Bible passages below. Some questions are provided for you or a small group of friends to provide focus for your reflection. Before you start: Breathe, pray, ask the Holy Spirit for help.

### Identify

Think about a snapshot in time you wished would never end. What would you be willing to do or give in order to hold on to the moment if you could?

### Read

*Scriptures to grow by...* Psalm 146:5-10, 1 John 5:1-2, 9-12, John 1:1, 10-14, 3:16, Psalm 27:4-5.

### Reflect

1. What words, phrases or ideas stand out to you from the Bible readings you read today? What do you think God may be leading you to consider about His love for you? How might you respond to Jesus if you believed that you are one of His favorite "snapshots" in time that He wished would never end?
2. How do these words, phrases or ideas connect with your everyday life? What do they lead you to think or to do?
3. On Sunday, Doug said, *God's love changes us... Gives us something we didn't have before.* How do you respond to this statement? How might sitting quietly with Jesus in one of your favorite places help you reflect on what he has in store for you in the next year?

### Respond

*Moving forward...* Take some time this week to sit quietly in one of your favorite places. Think about what makes this a "favorite" place for you. If you could imagine a snapshot of heaven on earth, what might it look like to you? What might Jesus want to say to you about His favorite place and why He came to share it with you?