

# WEEK 2

## SMALL GROUP GUIDE



Have you ever wished you had a little bit more power — or influence — or control? Whether you dream about ruling the world or just wish you could get a little respect once in a while, the desire to be in charge is something we've all experienced. But in this 4-week series, we'll hear about a few kings from the Bible whose stories show us power isn't always easy to yield. Through their failures and successes, we'll discover that **when you make mistakes**, God can help make things right; **when you think you know best**, be humble instead; **when you're not sure who to listen to**, ask God for guidance; and **when obedience is difficult**, stay close to Jesus.

### THIS WEEK

#### THE BIG IDEA

When you think you know best,  
be humble instead.

#### THE BIBLE

II Samuel 15:1-14, 18:1-15, 31-33;  
Matthew 23:12; I Peter 5:5-6

- What's something you know a lot about? Tell us something about it?
- What is the difference between being confident in what you know and being a know-it-all?
- Think about a time when you disagreed with an adult about who was right. What was the disagreement about?
- Why do you think Absalom wanted to be in charge? Have you ever felt that way?
- Absalom thought he knew best, but what do you think he didn't know?
- Do you think it's possible to be right, but behave in the wrong way? Give an example of when this was true for you.
- Whose authority do you struggle to respect, because you think you know best?
- Do you think it's possible to be confident and humble at the same time? What would that look like?
- Read I Peter 5:5-6. What are some ways we can humble ourselves when we think we know best?
- What's something you're going to do this week to choose humility?