

# WEEK 1

## 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 make mistakes, God can help make things right.

#### THE BIBLE

II Samuel 11:1-27; II Samuel 12:1-13; Psalm 51:1-12; II Corinthians 5:17; John 1:9

- **Tell us about one of your funniest cringeworthy moments.**
- **What are some mistakes people might make that would be cringeworthy?**
- **What are some examples of mistakes that are difficult to admit? Why are those mistakes so difficult to talk about?**
- **Do you think David knew he made a mistake before he talked to Nathan? Once he realized what he'd done, what were his options?**
- **What do you think we should do when we think someone else has made a mistake? What should we not do?**
- **When someone calls you out on a mistake, how do you usually react? What do you think a better reaction would be?**
- **When we're genuinely sorry about a mistake we've made, what should we do next?**
- **Read I John 1:9. Have you ever confessed a mistake to God? When we confess our mistakes to God, what difference does it make?**
- **When we admit our mistakes to each other, what difference does it make? Who is someone you trust to admit your mistakes to?**
- **What's one thing you need to do this week to make a mistake right?**