

AFFIRMATION OF GROWTH (15 MINUTES)

- **Check in:** Let each person share how their challenge went this week.
- **Opening Prayer**

BIBLE DISCOVERY (35-45 MINUTES: WHAT 10 MINUTES, SO WHAT 10-20 MINUTES, AND NOW WHAT 15-20 MINUTES)

- **Watch Video**
- **Big Idea for gGroup:** Motives matter, because our decisions shape more than just us.
- **WHAT? (To allow great discussion we will not cover every Bible verse read on Sunday or in the chapter)**
 - **Read 2 Samuel 18:1-8**
 - Did David's army win the battle?
 - What was David's instruction in handling Absalom?
 - Who heard the king's order?
 - **Read 2 Samuel 18:9-17**
 - How did Joab try to tempt the man to disobey the king's order?
 - What did Absalom's army do after he died?
 - **Read 2 Samuel 18:19-23**
 - What was the reason Joab did not want to send Ahimaaz?
 - Did Ahimaaz run behind the Cushite?
 - **Read 2 Samuel 18:24-30**
 - What news did Ahimaaz give to the king?
 - What do you think were motives for Ahimaaz to give a message to the king?
 - **Read 2 Samuel 18:31-33**
 - What news did the Cushite give to the king?
 - How did David respond to Absalom's death?
- **SO WHAT? (If you like to get this section started you can ask, "what stood out to you from the Bible?")**
 - What are some things that can tempt us to disobey or resist God as our King?
 - How can we check our motives to be sure we are acting out of faithfulness to God rather than selfish desires?
 - Do we think David saw the domino effect of his actions? What can we learn from this?
- **NOW WHAT?**
 - What are some possible outcomes when we resist or disagree with the leaders God has placed over us? How does scripture guide us to handle those disagreements in a Christ-honoring way?
 - Can you share a time when wrong motives led you down a path you later regretted? What did you learn from it?
 - What can David's grief over Absalom teach us about the importance of guiding our children toward God early and consistently?

CHALLENGE FOR LIFE (10 MINUTES)

- **One Challenge:** Has this passage revealed a point of growth or a needed change? Is there something you must do or voice in order to better obey God? Be specific and narrow it down with an "I will" statement. I will _____
- **Closing Prayer**
- **Only 2 weeks left of lessons so make sure you have a game plan for your outreach project. Not meeting the week of the 26th, PLEASE do not plan anything on the 28th. Party week the week of Nov. 2nd.**