

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:** God calls us to seek reconciliation and unity, even when it's hard.
- **WHAT? (To allow great discussion we will not cover every Bible verse read on Sunday or in the chapter)**
 - **Read 2 Samuel 19:1-8**
 - Why was Joab upset with David?
 - What do you notice about the way David responded to Joab's rebuke?
 - **Read 2 Samuel 19:9-15**
 - What disagreement was happening among the tribes of Israel?
 - How did David win back the loyalty of the tribe of Judah?
 - **Read 2 Samuel 19:16-23**
 - Back in 2 Samuel 16, what wrong had Shimei done to David and the people fleeing with him?
 - How do we learn about repentance and reconciliation from the way David responded to Shimei?
 - **Read 2 Samuel 19:24-30, 2 Samuel 16:1-4**
 - How did Ziba deceive David earlier?
 - What decision did David make to resolve the conflict, and what do you think about his solution?
 - **Read 2 Samuel 19:31-40**
 - Who was Barzillai, and how had he shown kindness to David?
 - How did King David try to repay Barzillai's kindness? Why did Barzillai turn him down?
 - **Read 2 Samuel 19:41-20:2**
 - What new argument broke out between the tribes of Israel?
 - What was the outcome of the argument, and what does it show about the nation at this point?
- **SO WHAT? (If you like to get this section started you can ask, "what stood out to you from the Bible?")**
 - What stood out to you about all the different interactions in chapter 19?
 - Do you feel David handled each situation well? Why or why not?
 - What can we learn about how division starts among families, friends, or even in a church?
- **NOW WHAT?**
 - What steps can we take to prevent division in our family, friends or church?
 - How challenging is it to reconcile with someone that really hurt you? How does God call us to respond?
 - Looking at David's choices in this chapter, what is one specific application you can take into your own relationships?

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 _____
- Also mention Anniversary Sunday 11/2 as a way to invite someone who is far from God.
- **Closing Prayer**
- **Only 1 week left of lessons. Not meeting the week of the 26th, PLEASE do not plan anything on the 28th. Party week the week of Nov. 2nd.**