

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:** Putting our faith in our resources leads to sin—trusting God leads to life.
- **WHAT? (To allow great discussion we will not cover every Bible verse read on Sunday or in the chapter)**
 - **Read 2 Samuel 24:1-4, 1 Chronicles 21:1-7**
 - How was Satan involved in tempting David to take a census?
 - Who tried to stop David from going through with the census, and what does that show us?
 - What clues in the passage tell us that David sinned in this situation?
 - **Read 2 Samuel 24:8-10, Exodus 30:11-14**
 - Why was it wrong for David to conduct this census? Did God ask David to do it?
 - How did David feel once he realized he had sinned?
 - **Read 2 Samuel 24:11-14, 15-17**
 - How was God going about punishing David for this sin? What choice did David choose?
 - How many men died as a result of the plague?
 - What does it mean that God “relented from the destruction”?
 - What do we learn about David’s heart from the way he prayed during the plague?
 - **Read 2 Samuel 24:18-23, 24-25**
 - What did David have to do to reconcile with God?
 - How would you describe Araunah’s character from the way he responded to David?
 - How did David show true repentance in his actions at the threshing floor?
- **SO WHAT? (If you like to get this section started you can ask, “what stood out to you from the Bible?”)**
 - How can we recognize sin in our own lives?
 - How does facing temptation show whether we’ll trust ourselves or trust God—and how does God’s loving discipline help us grow when we fail?
 - In this story, David trusted in the size of his army. What are things we put our trust in instead of God?
 - How can a leader’s sin affect their followers?
- **NOW WHAT?**
 - In what ways do we act like David in this passage?
 - How do we know if we have sinned?
 - What are some practical ways we can grow in trusting God more than ourselves, our resources, or other things?

CHALLENGE FOR LIFE (10 MINUTES)

- **One Thing God Has Taught Me:** We started the semester by asking what God has been teaching us. Now we will end our semester by going around and sharing one big thing God has taught you or challenged you with this semester.
- Also mention Anniversary NEXT Sunday 11/2 as a way to invite someone who is far from God.
- **Closing Prayer**
- **Not meeting the week of the 26th, PLEASE do not plan anything on the 28th. Party week the week of Nov. 2nd. Figure out how you want to celebrate a great end of the semester.**