**STUDENT GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

**SOCIAL TIME/WORSHIP**

Have a game ready and/or go around the circle asking your group members to share any news since your last meeting. Be intentional in helping your group members get to know one another during this time and make it fun.

**CHECK-IN TIME**

Talk about what you did last week to complete your action step.

**GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

As a society we love royalty. We often watch movies and television shows centered around them. We call celebrities kings and queens, and crowns are often a part of fashion and décor. They can be idolized and sometimes it’s easy to forget that royalty isn’t perfect. They make mistakes just like we do. In this series, we are going to talk about royalty in the Bible. People who messed up, but God used them for his kingdom anyway. This week we are talking about King David’s son and the mistake he made.

1. Have you ever thought you could do better at something than someone else?
2. What are some examples of mistakes that are difficult to admit? Why is it difficult to admit our mistakes?
3. What is the difference between confidence and pride?
4. Do you struggle with pride?
5. Think about a time when you disagreed with someone, and they turned out to be right. What was the disagreement about?
6. Why do you think Absalom wanted to be in charge? Have you ever felt that way?
7. Absalom thought he knew best, but what do you think he didn’t know?
8. Whose authority do you struggle to respect because you think you know best?
9. Read I Peter 5:5-6. What are some ways we can humble ourselves when we think we know best?
10. Why is it so important that Jesus humbled Himself in every way?

**ACTION STEP**

Choose one of the following or create your own. Consider finding an accountability partner within your group to walk alongside you this week.

• Connect with someone

• Daily time with God: Determine the type of routine you’d like to have that allows you to spend time learning about what pleases God. Here are some ways to do this:

o Download the Emmanuel app and read the One Year New Testament daily.

o Download the YouVersion app and find a devotion you can do daily. You can even decide to do one as a group to encourage one another as you do the daily readings.

o If you recently placed your faith in Christ and texted SAVED to 65248, read the devotional provided in your starter kit.

PRAYER

Ask your group to share two things

1. Prayer requests for themselves and the people in their lives.

2. Ask also for any reason to praise, it is great to come to God in thanksgiving for all He has done.

Keep note of the burdens in people’s life and notice when God moves in those areas specifically. We believe God will see prayers become praise and it is an opportunity to increase our faith when we are in the position to bring that to light.