

## SESSION 2

### DISCUSSION GUIDE

King of KINGS



### THE BIBLE

2 Samuel 13:21–22; Matthew 5:9

### THE BIG IDEA

In God's kingdom, leaders seek peace — not revenge.

**WHAT?** *What are we talking about?*

**NOW WHAT?** *What do we do about it?*

### STORY

*Tell a story about a prank or joke that evolved into a series of retaliation attempts from both sides.*

### QUESTIONS

- Has anyone ever pulled a really good prank on you? If so, did you return the favor or let it slide?
- How do most people you know handle conflict when it arises? Do you think that's the best way?

### SAY . . .

We cannot avoid conflict and blatant wrongdoing. However, there are plenty of bad (and some good) examples we can learn from to help us respond in a healthier way.

**SO WHAT?** *Why does it matter?*

### VIDEO | Session 2

*Play the video for this session.*

### DISCUSSION

- When you were a kid, were you taught to fight back or ignore your bullies?
- Absalom sought revenge for the injustice he witnessed — what alternative actions do you think he could have taken?
- What can be the consequences of revenge-seeking? What can be the consequences of ignoring a problem?
- How is peacemaking different from ignoring a problem? How is peacemaking different from seeking vengeance?
- What's a current conflict or injustice in your life or the world? What would it look like to make peace in that situation?
- In what ways do you need to grow as a peacemaker?

### RESPONSE | Take the First Step

*Invite everyone to take a moment to consider the conflicts in their life. Maybe with a friend they haven't spoken to in a while or a co-worker they avoid whenever possible. Make a plan this week to start addressing the problem and making peace. (Buying someone a cup of coffee is almost always a good place to start!)*

### PRAYER