

# Weeds In My Garden

## Leader Guide | Week 5

### Key Things You Heard

- Mephibosheth was the son of Jonathan, King David's best friend.
- Mephibosheth was born to the highest privilege.
- Mephibosheth was fractured.
- Mephibosheth lost everything.
- We need a new name.

### Pray

Heavenly Father, we get lost amid self every day. Some of us think too much of ourselves and struggle with pride. Some struggle with low self-esteem, which is rooted in the same problem. We think too much of ourselves. Help us to see who we are in you, and let us live to please you and not ourselves. In Jesus' name, amen.

### Tweetable Moments

"The impact of your choices or the choices of others can have enough impact to fracture you."

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### Questions for Conversation

**Icebreaker:** Tell us the story about why you were given your name.

- Read **2 Samuel 4:1-5, 9:1-13**. What about this story captures your attention, and perhaps, your heart? Why?
- Has there ever been a time in your life when your choices or someone else's choices fractured you? What have you learned from the experience? Does the experience still impact you today, and if so, did anything in this week's sermon give you hope? Why or why not?
- As you read the passage above, what does David's role in the story say to you about the impact we can have on others? Can you think of anyone your group could work together to impact for the Lord? What can you do as a group that would allow them to see that they matter to God and others? Brainstorm as a group on what your next steps might be.
- Read **2 Corinthians 5:16-21**. What does this passage of scripture say about who we are in Jesus? What does it say about the role we need to be playing in the lives of others? How seriously do you take this passage of scripture in your personal life? If you struggle fulfilling it, why? What is the ministry of reconciliation? Do you share your faith easily? Why or why not?
- Hold a few minutes of quiet time with your group. During this time, have each individual ask God to reveal someone they minister to this coming week. Then, as a group, pray for these people. Next week, share your stories.

### Now Go Do It (resources and next steps)

**Challenge:** You probably noticed that in the group this week, we emphasized the message of reconciliation and the importance of sharing the gospel with others. So often, people come to us with problems that want to be fixed. Watch this short video or Rightnow Media by Kyle Idleman to understand why we must share the gospel message as the primary message.

<https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/player/video/238660?session=238660>