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Prepare in Advance

Before the Session

- Have the *Bible Background Video* ready to view.
- Retrieve, review, and have ready the videos listed below (links are provided on this session's webpage).
- Read through Psalm 2 to familiarize yourself with the passage.

Intro

Open the session with questions like:

- If you were running for political office, what would you campaign for?
- What political leadership position would you like to hold?
- If you were elected, what laws would you write?
- What would motivate you to make decisions?

Say: "Today our passage is about the inauguration of a king in Biblical times."

Examination

Have someone read Psalm 2 out loud and then play the *Bible Background Video*.

Lead a discussion with ideas like:

- Does this Psalm sound like a hymn to you? What did this Psalm probably mean to the original hearers?
- How would they have viewed a king?
- What was to be the king's relationship to God?
- How can we apply this Psalm to today since we do not have a king in the USA?
- Does the idea of the king being anointed as a "messiah" help us understand?
- How important is it for us to follow God as a servant?
- Since the early church saw these types of Psalms as leading to Jesus as the Messiah, can we see the basic idea as serving Jesus as similar to serving a Godly servant king?

Belief

Play *Believe in Her* clip. Ask things like:

- Is it good to serve your political leaders?
- Should we pray for our leaders even if we disagree with them?
- If you were the king, would you see Joan of Arc?
- As a leader, is it hard to believe in others? Do we ignore the ones who love us because we are too busy being a leader today?
- If God were to speak in that clip, what would God say to the people involved?

Courage

How much courage was it going to take the king to see Joan of Arc?

Play *Natalie Grant on Courage* clip.

- Do you believe faith takes courage?
- Do we truly believe that we are leaders in this world?
- How much courage do we need? Where does that courage truly come from? What can we do to earn it?

Close in prayer for trust in God to provide courage in word and deed.

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