**“GOD HAVE MERCY!”**

**Psalm 57:1-11**

***Sermon Review***

*What was the Main Point of the Sermon from Sunday?*

*What part of the Sermon did you find to be the most beneficial?*

***SMALL GROUP LESSON***

* 1. In what area of your life do you have the most confidence?
	2. What do you believe is your God-given purpose?
	3. When challenges arise, what is your first instinct?

**Psalm 57:1-11 (NLT2)**
1  Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy! I look to you for protection. I will hide beneath the shadow of your wings until the danger passes by.
2  I cry out to God Most High, to God who will fulfill his purpose for me.
3  He will send help from heaven to rescue me, disgracing those who hound me. Interlude My God will send forth his unfailing love and faithfulness.
4  I am surrounded by fierce lions who greedily devour human prey— whose teeth pierce like spears and arrows, and whose tongues cut like swords.
5  Be exalted, O God, above the highest heavens! May your glory shine over all the earth.
6  My enemies have set a trap for me. I am weary from distress. They have dug a deep pit in my path, but they themselves have fallen into it. Interlude
7  My heart is confident in you, O God; my heart is confident. No wonder I can sing your praises!
8  Wake up, my heart! Wake up, O lyre and harp! I will wake the dawn with my song.
9  I will thank you, Lord, among all the people. I will sing your praises among the nations.
10  For your unfailing love is as high as the heavens. Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.
11  Be exalted, O God, above the highest heavens. May your glory shine over all the earth.

***EXPLORE***

* + 1. How did David deal with the challenge he faced? ([57:1](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ps+57%3A1))
		2. What did David expect from the Lord? ([57:1-3](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ps+57%3A1-3))
		3. How did David describe his predicament? ([57:4-6](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ps+57%3A4-6))
		4. What do David’s words reveal about his motives in asking the Lord for help? ([57:5](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ps+57%3A5))
		5. What did the psalm writer do in anticipation of God’s help? ([57:7-11](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ps+57%3A7-11))
		6. How did the psalm writer describe the Lord’s character in his song of praise? ([57:10-11](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ps+57%3A10-11))

***APPLY***

* 1. How should we prepare ourselves to face opposition or temptation?
	2. How does your relationship with God impact the way you deal with difficult times in your life?
	3. Under what circumstances do you feel insecure or scared?
	4. How can we follow David’s example when we feel threatened?
	5. What should we do while we are waiting for God to act on our behalf?
	6. How can you remind yourself of God’s love and power as you face the challenges of the coming week?

**Additional Thoughts:**

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