**“WHERE IS YOUR KING?”**

**Psalm 72:1-19**

***Sermon Review***

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

*What was the most impactful part of the Sermon for you?*

***SMALL GROUP LESSON***

1. What is one good way to express angry feelings?
2. Would you prefer to be known as “loving” or “just”? Why?

**Hosea 13:1–16 (NLT)**

1When the tribe of Ephraim spoke, the people shook with fear, for that tribe was important in Israel. But the people of Ephraim sinned by worshiping Baal and thus sealed their destruction. 2Now they continue to sin by making silver idols, images shaped skillfully with human hands. “Sacrifice to these,” they cry, “and kiss the calf idols!” 3Therefore, they will disappear like the morning mist, like dew in the morning sun, like chaff blown by the wind, like smoke from a chimney. 4“I have been the Lord your God ever since I brought you out of Egypt. You must acknowledge no God but me, for there is no other savior. 5I took care of you in the wilderness, in that dry and thirsty land. 6But when you had eaten and were satisfied, you became proud and forgot me. 7So now I will attack you like a lion, like a leopard that lurks along the road. 8Like a bear whose cubs have been taken away, I will tear out your heart. I will devour you like a hungry lioness and mangle you like a wild animal. 9“You are about to be destroyed, O Israel— yes, by me, your only helper. 10Now where is your king? Let him save you! Where are all the leaders of the land, the king and the officials you demanded of me? 11In my anger I gave you kings, and in my fury I took them away.

12“Ephraim’s guilt has been collected, and his sin has been stored up for punishment. 13Pain has come to the people like the pain of childbirth, but they are like a child who resists being born. The moment of birth has arrived, but they stay in the womb! 14“Should I ransom them from the grave? Should I redeem them from death? O death, bring on your terrors! O grave, bring on your plagues! For I will not take pity on them.

15Ephraim was the most fruitful of all his brothers, but the east wind—a blast from the Lord— will arise in the desert. All their flowing springs will run dry, and all their wells will disappear. Every precious thing they own will be plundered and carried away. 16The people of Samaria must bear the consequences of their guilt because they rebelled against their God. They will be killed by an invading army, their little ones dashed to death against the ground, their pregnant women ripped open by swords.”

***EXPLORE***

* + - 1. How did the people of Ephraim sin? (v.1-2)
      2. What does God want Ephraim to acknowledge? (v.4)
      3. What caused Ephraim to forget the Lord? (v.6)
      4. How will the Lord attack Ephraim? (v.7-8).
      5. Who did the Lord tell Isarel to call and come save them? (v.10-11)

***APPLY***

1. Ephraim was guilty of idolatry. What does Idolatry look like for Christians today?
2. Have you ever helped someone and later they treated you like you never helped them? How did that make you feel?
3. Why is it so easy for God’s people to receive His deliverance and then later “forget” about Him?
4. Ephraim found itself as the object of God’s wrath / punishment. Have you ever felt that you were experiencing God’s wrath / punishment? How did you make it through?