Series *Sermon-based Growth Group*
Psalms: Songs from the Heart
Part 1: Messiah
Questions
May 1, 2022

Introductory Discussion:
What from Sunday's sermon did you find most helpful, or eye-opening, or troubling (pick any or all of the above)?

Discussion:

1. **In what ways do we act as "King" of our own lives?**
    a. **What are the consequences of being in charge of our own lives?**
    b. **How does it affect our relationship with God?**
2. **In Psalm 2, verses 1-3, how do people react to the idea that God is in charge?**
    a. **Why?**
    b. **How are we like that in our daily lives?**
3. **In verses 10-12, why is it wise to bow down?**
    a. **What are the benefits of letting go of control?**
    b. **How can boundaries be a good thing?**
4. **In Genesis, Abraham is willing to sacrifice Isaac. What should you be willing to sacrifice for God?**
    a. **Is there anything you struggle to let go of?**
    b. **What are the benefits of letting go?**
5. **The Israelites expected the Messiah to be a king in their lifetime. What expectations do we have of Jesus that the Bible does not promise?**
6. **What does it mean to truly take refuge in Him?**

7. **Jesus quotes Psalm 22, which tells us that the Psalm was from His point of view. What insights do we gain about what Jesus was going through by reading Psalm 22?**

8. **After reading Psalm 22:24, why does Jesus understand our affliction?**

    a. **How should we respond?**