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***WEEK 3***

## **HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE**

There are four crucial components for a group to maintain its health: Word, prayer, relationships, and reaching out. In this guide, you will study the biblical passage in three steps: observation, interpretation, and application. As the group leader, you are free to use any part of this guide that can assist you in achieving this goal.

# CONNECT

- When you pray, do you tend to pray more about yourself or about the world around you? Why?
- What did you do for the 4th of July?
- What song do you have on repeat right now?

# INTRODUCTION

The psalmists show us what it looks like to go to God in a wide array of life experiences and human emotion. By learning from their example, we can be like the well-watered, fruitful tree depicted in Psalm 1. Psalm 41 showed us how to appeal to God. This week, we study Psalm 72, a royal psalm. The royal psalms are perhaps some of the hardest for modern readers to connect with. However, when we see that Israel's royal line culminates in Jesus, we come to see that these psalms help us to praise Jesus. These psalms illuminate further how we can pray like Jesus instructed, "Your kingdom come and your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

# OBSERVATIONS & INTERPRETATION

**Read:** Psalm 72

**Discuss:**

What are some of the things that Godly rule brings about? (vv 1-7)

How does the psalmist describe the kingdom that is established by this type of ruler? (vv 8-17)

This is a psalm of Solomon, writing about his royal rule over Israel.

Drawing from other parts of Scripture - does Solomon live up to the standard he writes about here?

How does Jesus fulfill the Godly rule and create the kind of kingdom described in this psalm?

# APPLICATION

- When was the last time you spent time praising Jesus in prayer? Is that something that comes naturally to you or a muscle you need to develop more fully?
- Brainstorm some things this psalm might be inviting you to pray for - or praise God for - today.

# PRAYER

The core prayer coming from this Psalm is "Your Kingdom come, your will be done, here on earth as it is in heaven." Spend some time praying this together.

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