Praise

Call to Worship: *(everyone together)*

Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great King over all the earth. God reigns over the nations; God sits on His holy throne.   Psalm 47.1-2, 8

"Speak, O Lord" *(read or sing these words together)*

Please see the hymn on page four.

Hearing and Learning God's Word

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 15.1-3, 9-11, 17-29 (*one person read the Scripture aloud*)

Questions for Discussion: (*may be answered in one worship time or spread over several times*)

1. Why did Saul reject the word of the Lord? What are some reasons that we reject the word of the Lord?
2. Why did God reject Saul from being king? What does this teach us about God's authority and justice?
3. Did Saul regret his sin or regret the consequences of his sin? What is the difference?
4. In 1 Samuel 15, verse 29 tells us that God "is not a man, that He should have regret." How then did God regret that He made Saul king (see verse 11)? Can God be sovereign over all things and still have regret?
5. What does the grief of God teach us about His role as our Heavenly Father?
6. Why is Jesus called the "man of sorrows"? What did Jesus do to take away our sorrows?

Scripture Memory for January: (*memorize this passage of Scripture this month*)

1 Samuel 16.7
But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart."

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Prayer: (*saying together*)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.