SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

I Kings 8:31-53

Ice Breaker: What's one evidence of grace you've seen from God this week?

Ice Breaker: Recall a time in your life when you saw God answer prayer?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1. In our passage, King Solomon makes a sevenfold intercession before God on behalf of the people of Israel. What are some observations you take away from this prayer? Do you see repeated phrases or themes?
- 2. What primary subjects does Solomon pray on behalf of God's people?
- 3. What does Solomon pray for the foreigner in vs. 41-43? What is significant about this prayer?
- 4. Solomon speaks often of repentance in his prayer. What is repentance? What does it mean to repent "with all their mind and with all their heart" vs. 48? What does true repentance look like? For further study (Mark 1:15, Lk. 5:32; 15;10, Acts 2:38, I Cor. 7:8-13)
- 5. Why is repentance so essential for Christians? How does our story of repentance mirror the story of the Exodus?
- 6. Read Hebrews 4:14-16, 7:25 & I John 2:1-2. What does it mean to have Jesus as our intercessor and Advocate?
- 7. Take some time as a Small Group to intercede for one another in prayer.
- 8. Who are some other people God is laying on your heart to intercede on their behalf?