**“Remember” Sermon Discussion Questions**

**Ice Breaker:** What are your earliest memories of Memorial Day? What are some of your family’s Memorial Day traditions and ways of remembering and honoring your loved ones who have passed?

**Discussion Questions:**

**Read: Hosea 13:4-6**

What does it look like to have other gods in our lives besides the one true God?

What does Hosea say the danger is in having satisfaction from God without thankfulness for that satisfaction?

**Read: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

Have you ever considered that our participation in the Lord’s Supper/Communion was a memorial celebration of Christ’s sacrifice?

Why do we need to remember Jesus’ sacrifice for our freedom?

How can we, as followers of Christ, imitate and model the selflessness of Christ toward others: at home, at work, at school, at church, at the grocery store...etc?

**Application:**

***Part of memorializing the lives of those who have gone before us is mourning. Whether we know someone who has lost their life for our freedom or not, we mourn their loss, in honor of their memory. Remembering those lost in military conflict, family and friends who have gone before us and those who have gone before us in the faith, we must acknowledge and mourn our loss before we can remember and give thanks.***

***A key part of Memorial Day is remembrance which is not always easy. We have to intentionally place things into Memorial Day weekend to help us not treat it as just another 3-day weekend.***

What are some ways that we can intentionally remember the lives of those who went before us, as citizens, as family and as followers of Jesus?

***The final response to Memorial Day is thankfulness. If we neglect thankfulness, we risk becoming bitter and jaded and therefore forgetting the freedoms that we have been freely given.***

What are some ways that we can give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy as citizens of the United States, as members of our biological family and as Children of God, set free by the sacrifice of Christ?