



## CHILDREN'S ministry

Sunday, May 24, 2020  
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### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR LAMENTATIONS 2

1. In what way(s), did God use His Spirit and His Word in Lamentations 2 to minister to you today?
2. What is a difference between God becoming like an enemy to us and actually being our enemy?
3. When was a time that you felt like God was treating you like His enemy rather than His child? Or when was a time you felt like you were “under a cloud” of discipline from the Lord?
4. Why do you think the author of Lamentations felt freedom to say, “He has bent His bow like an enemy, with His right hand set like a foe; The Lord has become like an enemy.” (Lamentations 2:4,5)? What are some things you’ve perhaps wanted to express to God but felt like you could not fully say what you were thinking or feeling?
5. When you consider that God has preserved this specific Word for us to see and hear the depth of biblical laments, how should we respond?
6. Based on Lamentations 2:1-8, how do you know that the author is convinced that God is not just allowing these things to happen to Judah, but He is active in carrying out their discipline? Why do you think the author is so certain God is responsible for all that is occurring?
7. What should reading about God laying in ruins His meeting place (2:6), scorning His altar (2:7a), and disowning His sanctuary (2:7b) teach us about the seriousness of sin and the holiness of God?
8. Because of their sin, “all who were delightful” in their eyes were killed (2:4), infants and babies were dying from starvation in the streets (2:11-12) and even cannibalism was occurring (2:20). If they could go back and choose obedience having now seen the cost of their rebellion, there is no doubt that many in Jerusalem would want to do so. What’s one consequence from disobedience in your life that you would change if you could?
9. All who passed along the way scorned and shamed Jerusalem (2:15). Why can shame be such a struggle for believers even after they’ve confessed their sins and sought forgiveness? How do we know that Christ not only was our substitute in our sin but also the shame that comes with our sin?
10. After all that God’s people have done in ignoring and disobeying His Word, how can the author still call them to “cry out to God” without rest or respite (2:18-19)? How do we know that God still wants us to call to Him even if we’ve been unfaithful?



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11. Why is God the only answer to Jeremiah's question in 2:13, "For your ruin is vast as the sea; who can heal you?" How can this picture help us understand the gospel more clearly?
12. How is what we are learning in Lamentations impacting how you're living already?
13. What are ways, if any, that you are tempted to see how God cares about the lack of holiness in His people in Lamentations 2 and think He's ambivalent about whether you are walking in righteousness or not?

**APPLICATION**

This week, by God's grace and in His power, we will \_\_\_\_\_.