

Sunday, May 31, 2020 Dr. Landon Dowden

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR LAMENTATIONS 3**

- 1. In what ways did God speak to you today through His Spirit and His Word?
- 2. What do you think about all the rawness that is recorded in Lamentations as Jeremiah expressed Jerusalem's grief as well as his own? Which phrases have been particularly encouraging to you to see them recorded in Scripture?
- 3. Has there ever been a time when you felt like God was blocking your prayers and not receiving them? Why did you feel this way?
- 4. When, if any, was a time in which your suffering or struggling led you to say, "I have forgotten what happiness is" or to say, "My endurance has perished, so has my hope from the LORD?" What led you to feel hopeless? What would you say to someone who feels hopeless today and just wants to give up?
- 5. Why is it important as Christians that we live by what we believe and not just by what we see and feel?
- 6. How can reminding ourselves of what we know is true of God fuel hope in our lives even if our immediate circumstances do not change? When is a time your recalling God's faithfulness fueled faithfulness in you?
- 7. What are specific truths about God of which Jeremiah reminds himself in Lamentations 3? How often do you recall these same truths about God in your thoughts or in your battle with temptations?
- 8. What do you think Jeremiah means when he writes, "The LORD is my portion?" In what ways is this true or untrue in your life?
- 9. What does Jeremiah mean when he writes, "The LORD is good to those who wait for Him?" What is something for which you are waiting on from the Lord? Why can waiting be so difficult?
- 10. Why should God's replies of hope to our cries for help always be amazing to us?
- 11. How can we trust God with all repayment or retribution for wrongs committed against us? In what ways is this difficult for you to do?

## **APPLICATION**

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