

## **Discussion Questions - 2/13/22**

### Faith-Filled Lament (Lamentations 2)

Here are three basic questions you can always ask in any bible study:

- What does this text teach us about God?
- What does this text teach us about ourselves?
- If this text is true, what should we do to obey this teaching? This answer ought to be specific, in that it can be clearly measured.

Here are some specific questions about this text:

- What messages did you receive from your upbringing, relationships, and Christian community about grief and lament? In what ways were these messages helpful in your discipleship in life? In what ways were they not?
- If you are comfortable doing so, share a time when God led you into a season of disorientation?
- How does the background to the book of the Lamentations help us make sense of God's judgment? Even though the people in Lamentations are suffering due to their own sins, what does the book of Lamentations teach us about God's commitment to his people? How does this truth help you make sense of times of disorientation in your life? How are we to treat others who are suffering?
- Though God's people are suffering due to their sin in Lamentations, is all suffering in life the consequence of sinning against God? What other stories in the Bible show us otherwise? Whether suffering is the result of our sin or not, what does Lamentations teach us about how to relate to God?