

Discussion Questions - 2/6/22
Lamenting from A-Z (Lamentations 1)

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 is your honest reaction to reading or hearing Lamentations 1?
 - What do you feel or sense as you read this lament?
- Does it change the way you look at the lament knowing that this is happening to God's people?
- In Lamentations 1:9, 11, 20 there is a call for the Lord to look and see the anguish of His people.
 - Why is this critical in lament?
- When you find yourself confronted with your sin and rebellion, are you tempted to hide from God or go to God?
 - The tragic and hopeful part of this lament is that God's people have been devastated by God for their sin but the only One who can help them is the One who is disciplining them.
- Notice that the devastation of God's people is experienced by all God's people.
 - There is a corporate feature to this lament.
 - Is that easy or hard for you to understand that God's people together would be liable under God's discipline?
- Why is confession the beginning of hope even when you are in the darkness?
- When and how can you see the stars best? Sometimes, the brightest parts of God's mercy (Lamentations 3) can be seen best against a dark sky.
 - How does that help you in your lament?