

## **Discussion Questions - 3/13/22**

### **Mercy Amid the Rubble (Lamentations 4)**

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:

- The passage identifies several contrasts between the glory days of old vs. the current days of judgment for God's people (v. 1-8).
  - What do these verses show about what God's people were putting their faith in instead of God?
  - What are the glory days you look back to that make it hard to accept where you are right now (i.e. in a better job before, better financial situation, etc.)?
  - How does nostalgia stymie spiritual growth?
- Verse 13 says that the fall of Jerusalem resulted from failures of leadership among God's people.
  - In what ways have you seen church leaders and church people fail in your lifetime?
  - How has that impacted your relationship to the church?
  - What does God want to teach you about your response to the failures of Christians around you?
  - What are you prompted to do differently in your own spiritual life?
- What does this passage teach us about God's character and the good news of the gospel? Spend time praying about what you have learned.