

## **Dig Deeper @Home – “Broken”**

### **Complement to sermon on February 26, 2017 – “Call to Mind”**

#### **MEMORIZE – Lamentations 3: 21-23**

But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

#### **READ Jeremiah 52** (the background for the book of Lamentations)

#### **Questions to ponder/discuss:**

1. What is this passage revealing about God and what is it revealing about us as humans?
  
2. If the above is true, what needs to change in your life? What will that look like?
  
3. Who was King Zedekiah and how did he become king? (hint: read 2nd Kings 24: 17-19)
  - a. How was King Zedekiah described?
  
  - b. Read 2nd Kings 24:20.
    - i. What is the significance of it being recorded that Zedekiah rebelled against the king who put him in place?
  
    - ii. Compare and contrast that with how he interacts with God, the True King, who put him as king.
  
4. Read again verses 31-34.
  - a. Who was Jehoiachin and why was he in exile? (hint: read 2nd Kings 24:8-16)
  
  - b. What is the significance that this king is being treated kindly after being in exile?

**Bottom Line** – Summarize Jeremiah 52 in your own words.



## **Experiential**

Sometimes activities help us to understand and process biblical truths. The ones below are a suggestion for how to experience the truths of Jeremiah 52.

### **Using games to teach biblical truths**

What we learn from Jeremiah 52 is the terrible destruction that happens when we disobey and rebel against God and His ways. Two games that demonstrate this well are Jenga and Kerplunk. If you have these games, play a couple rounds. If Jenga, explain that as you take a piece out of the tower, it represents one act of rebellion against God. In Kerplunk, this is represented by one of the rods that is being removed. In each, explain how by removing or moving one of these, things still seem ok. But as more and more are removed, or moved, everything eventually comes crashing down.

**SING** (a suggested songs to sing. Use this or any song you might want to sing)

**As for Me and My House** - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jjRiNL1HKns>

A song that recognizes we are all guilty of breaking God's covenant and calls us to serve Christ alone.

### **My Hope is Built on Nothing Less – Mennonite Hymnal #558**

As you sing the chorus, "On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand" bring to mind the pain we endure when we trust "sinking sand" as described in Jeremiah 52

## **PRAY**

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us in our lives.

### **Sending prayer based on the lesson:**

As you go, may you experience the never-ending steadfast love of the LORD, may His new mercies greet you every morning, and may His faithfulness be made clear to you that your soul would overflow and abound with contagious and transforming hope.