

## **Dig Deeper @Home – “Broken”**

### **Complement to sermon on March 12, 2017 – “Rejected and Dejected”**

#### **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 Lamentations 2**

##### **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. Compare 1:1 with 2:1. What is similar? What is different?
4. In verses 1-8, who is the main character carrying out all the actions? What *verbs* are used to describe his actions?
5. What emotions does the writer attribute to God? What images does the writer use to describe God’s treatment of the “Daughter of Zion” (vv. 1,4,5,8)?
6. Read verse 14. Where does the writer lay much of the blame for the judgment and destruction of Judah? What “false and misleading” words have they spoken? (see Jeremiah 14:13-16)
7. Why is Judah encouraged to pour out her heart to the Lord (vv18-19)? As she pleads her case is she asking for justice or mercy (vv. 20-21)?
8. In what ways can we become casual about sin? Are there sins with which we have “made friends” and need to confess them to God?

**Bottom Line** – Summarize Lamentations 2 in your own words.

## Experiential

Sometimes activities help us to understand and process biblical truths. The one below is a suggestion for how to experience the truths of Lamentations 2.

### What to do - What not to do

Do a simple demonstration about “what to do, what not to do.” (Make it fun) For example, How to put on your socks. First put a sock on your ear. Then put them on the right way. We learn to do new things by watching other people. Share some things you learned to do by watching other people. Below are FOUR big mistakes the Israelites made. Read each of the verses and find something we can learn.

- a. They complained – We should learn to be content (Hebrews 13:5)
- b. They doubted – We can believe God. (Hebrews 11:6)
- c. They disobeyed God’s rules – We can obey our parents (Ephesians 6:1-3)
- d. They rebelled against Moses and God. We can see and confess our sins. (1 John 1:9)

What can we learn from the Israelites example?

**SING** (suggested songs to sing. Use these or any songs you might want to sing)

**Blessed Be Your Name - (Redman)** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tTpTQ4kBLxA>

A song encouraging you to praise God no matter what your situation may be. God is good.

**God Moves in a Mysterious Way – Mennonite Hymnal #80**

A song speaking of God’s providence and care in the midst of our misery and loss.

## 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 and receive the never-ending steadfast love of the LORD to fully comfort you and to enable you to pass on His never-ending steadfast love to those around you.