

## **Dig Deeper @Home – “Broken Restored”**

### **Complement to sermon on April 2, 2017 – “Forsaken & Forgotten”**

#### **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 5**

##### **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. In verse 1, the author cries out to God to "remember." Look up the following verses to see how "remember" is used. Genesis 8:1, Judges 16:28, 1 Samuel 1:11, With this in mind, what is it the author is really asking God to do by remembering?
4. When it comes to remembering, it is also important what God's people remember. Look up these verses and see the connection between what we remember (or fail to remember) and how that effects our decisions. Numbers 11:4-6, Deut 8, Luke 22: 14-20
5. Lamentations ends with a plea for restoration. Check out the hope that these prophets offered for that restoration. Isaiah 35: 1-10, Joel 3: 18-21, Amos 9: 11-15, Micah 7:18-20, Zephaniah 3:14-20. Where do we find hope in these verses today?

**Bottom Line** – Summarize Lamentations 5 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 Lamentations 5.

## **Remember**

Watch the following scene from Lion King <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O7fXfCZ4sB4> and then answer the following questions ...

1. What did Simba's dad, Mufasa, implore him to do?
2. What had Simba forgotten? How had that caused him to act?
3. When he remembered, what did Simba do?
4. Take some time to consider what God is calling you to remember. Maybe from Lamentations 5 or perhaps another book of the bible you are currently reading. If you aren't, choose a book from the bible to read and ask God what He wants you to remember? How will that change your thoughts, actions, opinions?

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

**Remind me Who I Am** - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zq8xG6yAZ1Q>

Sometimes we need God to remind us who we are. Let that be your prayer as you sing this song

**Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us - Mennonite Hymn #572**

A great reminder of who Christ is and who we are to Christ

## **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.