

ULC Sermon Study Resource
His Mercy is More// The Cry for Restoration
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Prayer: Pause for a few moments to go to the Lord in prayer. Ask that He would draw near to you in this time, and open your heart and mind to hear His Word.

Icebreaker: What is your favorite item you've bought this year?

Reading: Lamentations 5:1-22, John 12:12-19

Outline:

- I. Remember (Lamentations 5:1-3)
 - a. Jeremiah is asking God to remember the promises He made to them, remember the covenants He made with them and act accordingly.
 - b. We are also invited to call on God in the midst of our pain to remember us, and remember what He has promised us
Q: Are you crying out to God in your pain? How can you find peace in that?
- II. Restore (Lamentations 5:19-21)
 - a. Jeremiah asks God to restore them back to God, before he asks them to be renewed. His first concern is their relationship with God, then their circumstances
 - b. It's not just forgiveness, it's restoration in the face of grief. God restores us.
Q: What does restoration look like for you?
- III. Reign (5:22, John 12:12-19)
 - a. Zachariah's prophecy points to Jesus and hope that God's people will be restored and God will reign
 - b. God reigns overall as he restores more than just Israel, He restores everyone.
Q: How does God reign in your life?

Reflection/Application Questions:

- 1) Why are we encouraged to remember God's promises?
- 2) What does God promise us?
- 3) What is the significance in the relationship with God being restored before our circumstances?
- 4) Do you ask for your relationship to be restored before your circumstances?
- 5) How does Palm Sunday relate to you today?

Suggestions for further study:

- Psalm 146:9 **Q: What is God promising us?**
- Zachariah 9:9 **Q: How does Zachariah's prophecy connect to the restoration that God promises us?**

Closing Prayer:

Heavenly Father, we thank you for your continued faithfulness to us. Through our trials, through our success, you are unchanging. Father, we thank you for seeking us out personally through relationship and restoration. Thank you for the peace and strength that we can find in your presence. Teach us to cry out to you in our trials, and to then rest in your presence and trust your plan for us. Reign in our hearts and in our life now and forever, Amen.