

ULC Sermon Study Resource

His Mercy is More//A Series on Lamentations//The Anger of God

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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: Where would you build your dream home?

Reading: Lamentations 2:1-22

Outline:

- I. The Problem of Sin (Lamentations 2:1-9)
 - a. The destruction of Jerusalem is a result of the sins of Manasseh that started with the king and the people of Judah followed for four generations.
 - b. Sin takes the good and distorts it into something that is destructive.
Q: How does sin manifest itself in your life?
- II. The Problem of Suffering (Lamentations 2:10-17)
 - a. God's judgment against the people's sin, falls on them in the form of a Babylonian invasion and they suffer.
 - b. The reality of sin in the world always leads to suffering.
Q: Where is sin leading you suffering?
- III. The Refuge of Lament (Lamentations 2:18-22)
 - a. Lamenting is to take your suffering and bring it before the presence of the Lord.
 - b. When you lament over your sin and suffering, you have a Heavenly Father who welcomes you into his loving arms.
Q: How can you lament to God?

Reflection/Application Questions:

- 1) What specific sin can you pray against today?
- 2) When and how do you lament? Is it to God?
- 3) How has God provided you a refuge in times of trial?
- 4) When did Jesus suffer with and for you? Why did Jesus suffer?

Suggestions for further study:

- 2 Kings 21 **Q: How can you learn from the sins of Manasseh?**
- Psalm 22 **Q: How can we learn from David's laments?**

Closing Prayer:

Heavenly Father, there is so much brokenness in this world, there is darkness within us, yet you sent your Son Jesus into this world to save us. He entered into our suffering so that we might know you, and that our sins may be forgiven. You invite us into your presence. We have a God who is with us and walks with us through our sins and suffering. May we turn to you in times of suffering. May we find our refuge in you. Amen