

**ULC Sermon Study Resource**  
**Lamentations // The Call to Repentance**  
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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:** Would you rather travel back in time to meet your ancestors or to the future to meet your descendants?

**Reading:** Lamentations 3:40-66

**Outline:**

- I. Whole-Hearted Repentance (Lamentations 3:40-47)
  - a. Repentance in the Scriptures is not some sort of religious game, we see in lamentations that they assume that forgiveness is their birthright, so when God doesn't act immediately, they turn away.
  - b. God demands whole-hearted repentance offered in faith.  
**Q: How do you turn away from God when you are called to repentance?**
- II. A Righteous Intercessor (Lamentations 3:48-54)
  - a. Jeremiah demonstrates genuine repentance in his grief. And notice here that it's not over his own sin, it is over the sins of others.
  - b. Our posture toward the world is reflective of how we see ourselves: If we resent the world, we see ourselves better than it. We fail to see ourselves rightly→we need an intercessor too
  - c. We aren't worthy to come before God. We can't treat forgiveness as our birthright. There is nothing in us deserving of God's favor. But, we can receive it as a gift, because we have an intercessor. We have one who goes to God on our behalf.  
**Q: How do you grieve for the world?**
- III. A God Who Acts (Lamentations 3:55-66)
  - a. God acts when Jeremiah goes to God on behalf of Israel
  - b. When we come to God, not on the basis of our righteousness or our own worth but on the basis of Jesus, our perfect intercessor, he promises to deliver.  
**Q: How can you come to God on the basis of Jesus?**

**Reflection/Application Questions:**

- 1) What does whole-hearted repentance look like?
- 2) Who is our greatest intercessor?
- 3) What is your posture about the world and how does that shape your attitude?
- 4) How can Jeremiah be a role model for you?

**Suggestions for further study:**

- Hebrews 9:24                      **Q: How is Jesus our intercessor?**

**Closing Prayer:**

Gracious God, you remind us again throughout your scripture, that you long for us to return to you in all of hearts. Not just part, but all of us. To offer our lives and our brokenness, as you are the only one who has the power to save us. Draw us back to the need for forgiveness. Help us to remember what you have done for us through your son, Jesus. We trust and believe that we are saved and forgiven through your promise of your son, Jesus who died for our sins. May we move forward daily, living in that truth, reality, and grace. Amen