



Life Group Discussion Guide

March 22: Lamentations 4 --- The Purpose of Lament

Icebreakers:

- What's something you thought you 'couldn't live without'... but now you don't even think about?
- What's something in your life that felt really stable or important at one point, but didn't last like you expected?

Discussion Questions:

Every group is different! As you prepare, choose the questions that best fit your group, focusing on those that spark meaningful conversation. Don't rush—depth is better than distance. Trust the Holy Spirit to lead your discussion!

Big Idea: Lament restores our hope in God alone.

Lament Permits us to Grieve

1. **Lamentations 4:1** opens with "How the gold has grown dim."
 - a. Have you taken time to grieve and bring your lamentations to the Lord?
 - b. How has this series through Lamentations grown your faith?

Lament Exposes Idolatry

The sermon outline listed five idols: Financial Security, Cultural Comforts, Human Leadership, Spiritual Leaders, Presumed Divine Favor

1. **The Idol of Financial Security**

- a. **Read Lamentations 4:1-2; Matthew 6:19-21**
- b. What are ways to recognize money might be an idol in your life?
- c. In Lamentations 4 the gold is dim, the stones are scattered, and their security is gone. In light of what the Bible says, explain this quote from the sermon, "Money can be a wise tool, but a brutal master."

2. **The Idol of Cultural Comforts**

- a. **Read Lamentations 4:3-10**
- b. What comforts keep you from hearing your neighbors and people around you?

c. What comforts keep you from hearing God?

3. **The Idol of Human Leadership**

a. **Read Lamentations 4:20**

b. Can you think of a time you placed too much security in a human leader, whether a political leader, celebrity, influencer, boss, or pastor? How did your security fall with them?

4. **The Idol of Spiritual Leaders**

a. **Read Lamentations 4:13-16**

b. How did the leaders, the prophets and priests, fail to lead the people?

c. What does healthy spiritual leadership look like? For the leader? For the follower?

5. **The Idol of Presumed Divine Favor**

a. **Read Lamentations 4:6,11-12**

b. In the sermon we learned that cultural optimism or national prosperity can be mistaken for God's blessing, yet God's people often must live faithfully in hostile environments.

c. Which environment do you feel like you are living in and why?

d. What parts of culture are vying for your trust over placing your trust in God?

6. Which idol stood out to you and is trying to pull you away from God? Explain.

Lament Awakens Repentance

Action Steps from the Sermon. (*Group leaders: incorporate these as you see fit*)

1. Ask God to help you identify the idol(s) in your life. Name that idol. Confess that sin, that misplaced trust before the Lord.
2. Be accountable to someone else and share that with them and spend time praying and repenting together before the Lord.
3. As a life group this week, take a Daniel 9 posture of repentance, and corporately pray together, for your group, for this church, for this city, for this nation, and for this world. It might sound something like: "We confess where we've relied on budgets, branding, comfort, or personalities more than the Spirit; where we've assumed favor while ignoring God's voice; and we return to humility, prayer, and faith-filled obedience."

What's Happening in the Life of Legacy:

More details on these events can be found at lcc.org/whats-happening **All Campus**

- **Easter at Legacy:**
 - **OP, OL, and BV:** April 4 at 4:00pm; April 5 at 9:00am and 10:45am
 - **LS:** April 2 at 6:30pm; April 5 at 9:00am and 10:45am
 - **ES:** April 5 at 1:00pm
- **CIY MIX:** June 14-18. Grades 6-8. At Encounter Cove (Roach, MO).
- **CIY MOVE:** July 6-10. Grades 9-12. At University of Nebraska.
- **KIDS CAMP:** July 28-29. Grades 2-5. At Prairie Star Ranch.