

GENESIS STUDY QUESTIONS

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Lamentations 3:21-27

Getting Started

How do you usually respond to a traffic jam?

On a scale from 1-5, how patient are you? (1 means not patient, 5 means extremely patient),

Digging Deeper

The book of Lamentations recalls some of the worst moments in Israel's history after God judged the nation. Review Lamentations 3:21-27.

How does the author of Lamentations respond to the devastation of his people and country?

Read Lamentation 4:48. How do your moments of hopelessness compare with what you've just read?

Read Psalm 130. Where does the Psalmist find hope during his greatest moments of hopelessness?

If you have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, you too can place your hope in God's faithfulness and unfailing love.

What do you think it means to place your hope in the word of the Lord (v.5)?

Why do you believe the psalmist repeated the phrase in verse 6? What do you think it means to wait for the Lord more than a watchman who waits for the morning?

Waiting for the Lord requires an acceptance of God's will and timing. Have you seen God's promises fulfilled in your life, but in different timing than you had expected? If so, share it with the group.

Application

What is one thing you can do this week to remind yourself to place your hope in God's faithfulness?

CHALLENGE!

Memorize Lamentations 3:21-23:

*Yet this I call to mind
And therefore I have hope:
Because of the Lord's great love we are
Not consumed,
For his compassions never fail.
They are new every morning;
Great is your faithfulness!*