

PILGRIM HOME CHURCH

FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION:

Jess has provided a detailed resource guide that Home Church leadership team can access on the Home Church Drive.

How did God meet the following characters in their lament?

- Naomi – Ruth 1:14-22, Ruth 4:14-17
- Peter – Luke 22:54-62, John 21:4-17
- Believers at Jesus death – Luke 24:17-31, John 19:25-27, John 20:11-18
- Hannah – 1 Samuel 1:9-20
- Elijah – 1 Kings 19:4-18
- Job – Job 10:1-22, Job 38:1-15 etc, Job 42:7-16
- David lamented over death, 2 Sam 1:11-12 & 17, 2 Sam 12:18-23, 2 Sam 18:33
David attesting to how God met him; Psalm 65:5, Psalm 63:3-8, Psalm 62:5-8

Extra examples: Note how these biblical characters lamented. Try to empathize with their reality and note the honesty with which they lament.

- Habakkuk lamented over the coming judgement (Habakkuk 1:12-17)
- Amos, Ezekiel, Isaiah and other prophets over Israel's sin
- Jeremiah wept over the destruction of Israel (4:19-22 & 8:18-22)
- Lamentations – a whole book of lament about the destruction of Israel
- Women lamented their children slaughtered by Herod
- Jesus lamented over the death of Lazarus, at Gethsemane and on the cross

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LAMENT

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Have you ever thought, “Let me get this off my chest and then I'll go to church and sing.” or “I need to cry, so maybe this Sunday I'll stay home.” Let us, instead, worship together in our lament.

“Lament is not despair. It is not whining. It is not a cry into a void. Lament is a cry directed to God. It is the cry of those who see the truth of the world's deep wounds and the cost of seeking peace. It is the prayer of those who are deeply disturbed by the way things are...”

-Reconciling All Things.

INTRO

PRAYER

OPENING STORY

JOURNEY OF LAMENT

EXAMPLES OF PEOPLE LAMENTING IN SCRIPTURE

Naomi

Hannah

David

Elijah

Peter

Jesus

God, the Father

NOTE:

EXAMPLES OF LAMENT IN SCRIPTURE

- Psalm 13
 - A Complaint (vv. 1-2)

 - A Petition (vv. 3-4)

 - A Resolution (vv. 5-6)

THE GIFT OF LAMENT

LAMENT AND HOPE

ACKNOWLEDGING THE TRUTH

CLOSING: A LAMENT PRACTICE

Isaiah 25:8

Luke 6:21

Psalm 6:6-10

Revelation 7:17

Revelation 21:4

Psalm 116:7-9