

For the week of March 7, 2021  
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# Because of This

*Third week in the series: LAMENTATIONS*  
**Lamentations 3**

Whatever else the pandemic represents, it also represents an opportunity to examine our ways and return to the Lord, just like the destruction of Jerusalem presented that opportunity to the Israelites.

## **Discussion Questions:**

1. First, Jeremiah says his hope from the Lord has “perished” (Lamentations 3:18). Then he says he will “hope in him [the Lord]” (Lamentations 3:24) Finally, he says that “there may yet be hope” (Lamentations 3:29). What would you say is your experience with hope and how you feel today about hope?
2. How do you think we might go about following Lamentations 3:40? “Let us test and examine our ways, / and return to the Lord!”
3. How do you respond to Lamentations 3:22-23?
4. How do you respond to Lamentations 3:24? ““The Lord is my portion,’ says my soul, / ‘therefore I will hope him.””
5. How do you respond to Lamentations 3:39? “Why should a living man complain, / a man, about the punishment of his sins?”

6. How do you identify or not identify with King Lear in Shakespeare's play: "I am more sinned against than sinning."

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