

## The Source of Tragedy

Every good and perfect gift comes from God. Misfortune comes upon us because of sin and the author of sin: Satan. Understanding the strategy of the adversary who produces adversity will help us develop the right perspective.

Satan tries to destroy all of us through \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

## Dealing with Tragedy

In the midst of these two horrific events (Babylonian Captivity and Bethlehem slaughter), God comforts His people. In Jeremiah 31, we can learn how God wants us to overcome the anxiety that often comes with calamity.

Acknowledge the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ within the tragedy.

God rewards our \_\_\_\_\_.

When the situation seems \_\_\_\_\_,  
the \_\_\_\_\_ of our deliverance lives on.

# Discussion Questions

## Getting Started

1. Share about a time in your life when a situation seemed bleak but then God came through in a way that you will never forget. How did this event fill you with hope that God is your deliverer no matter what the circumstances?

## Digging Deeper

2. Read Romans 8:28. God works for the good according to His purpose. When tragedy hits us, that is not good. But we can try to focus on the good in how God weaves everything together. Spend time focusing on the good of the year 2020 even though many bad things have happened this year. Does the good have an eternal weight (2 Corinthians 4:17)?
3. Read Jeremiah 29:10-11. The people of Israel were waiting 70 years for the Babylonian captivity to end. God promised them that He had plans to prosper them and to give them a hope and a future. God loves you just as much as He loves the people He promised this to and so you can rest in the fact that God has plans for you. How can you show God you trust Him?
4. Study what the Bible says about Satan's strategy to trap you, rob you of joy, and falsely accuse you (John 8:44; 10:10; 12:31; 17:15; 2 Cor. 4:4; 11:14; 1 Thess. 3:5; Eph. 2:2; Rev. 12:10).

## Applying the Word to Life

5. Are you a hopeful person? Meditate on Titus 2:13 this week. What should be our ultimate hope as a Christian? How do we live in a such a way to give others hope as we wait for the glorious appearing of Jesus Christ? As you focus on this hope, what does God fill you with (Romans 15:13)?
6. Take time this week to look back at a difficult situation you endured and thank God for giving you the strength.