

Lamenting the Way of the World

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Remember: you do not have to do the entire study (you may not have time) – you can choose what questions you want to discuss.

Read Habakkuk 3

1. What does Habakkuk teach us about what we can do with our complaints about the suffering and evil in the world?
2. What are the issues facing the world at the moment that cause you to cry out to God “How long, oh Lord”?
3. How do you lament? How do you cry to God?
4. How is lament transformative? What happens when we lament? How are things different with it? Without it?
5. Who do you lament with? Why is lamenting together such a strong and important thing to do?
6. What helps you remember that God is always working and active in the world?
7. Where do you see God working to end injustice? What stories have you heard recently of transformed lives?
8. What can you do to join in the fight against poverty and injustice?
9. How can you support and work alongside those in the hard places and situations in the world right now?
10. Spend time praying for the people and places in the world that you lament over.

Prayer points:

- Continue to pray for the situation in Israel/Palestine and in the Ukraine, and the people affected by these conflicts.
- Pray for the people of Papua New Guinea.
- Pray for the third family from Afghanistan that has now arrived. Pray for them, especially the children, as they begin to settle in to life here.