



# DISCUSSION GUIDE

*Week of March 27, 2022*

**Sermon:** "The Lament of the Wilderness"

**Text:** Jeremiah 8:18-9:26

## SUMMARY

Lament is a part of the Christian experience as we traverse the wilderness of this world. The goal of lament isn't to dwell on our situation but to draw us close to God as we seek him to answer our prayers.

## FOR GROUPS

What are you lamenting right now? Why might it feel hard for you to lament?

How is lament different from complaining? How can you distinguish between when you are lamenting versus when you are complaining to God?

Have you ever felt alone in your faith, like there was no one else to trust? In what way do you feel like that in our cultural moment or your circumstances?

Jeremiah was grieved for his people because he was a part of the people. What people has God called you to lament with?

In what ways do you feel "desensitized" to sin, evil, suffering and its effects?

How does God correct his people when disobedience is displayed? What is the difference between discipline and punishment? How might God be discipling you in his kindness?

How is understanding God's discipline "wisdom"?

How does lament help us to see God's justice and steadfast love rightly?

What aspects of the gospel give us hope in the midst of lament?