

LAMENTATIONS

LOOK ON MY SORROW

Sermon Discussion Questions

Comfort From The Destroyer // Lamentations 3:1-33

- The prophet in 3:1-20 describes his suffering in very evocative language – affliction, darkness, physical decline, bitterness, feeling trapped, misled, and targeted for pain; humiliation, restlessness, exhaustion, hopelessness – and God is the one who has done all this.
- How can you relate to what the prophet expresses from your own experiences? What “arrows” (see vv 12-13) have you taken in life?
- Are you surprised, offended, taken aback that the prophet talks about God this way?
- When has church been – or not been – a safe community to talk about the pain or suffering you’ve known?
- What message did you internalize from the “arrows” you’ve taken? What commitments or solutions did you come up with to deal with the pain of the arrows?
- In Lamentations 3:21-33 the prophet provides perspective for the arrows. What hope and encouragement do you see there?
- How do these reminders of God’s faithfulness, goodness, and grace help you tell a better story about the arrows that have hit you?
- Whom do you know who may be struggling with fear, uncertainty, pain, or loss who needs to know the hope we have in Christ?

