

WEEK 1: WHY IS THIS HAPPENING?

Rediscovering Lament

Main Theme of the Week: Why is there suffering in the world?

DAY 1: GOD THE CREATOR OF THE UNIVERSE

Read: Genesis 1:1-24

Reflect & Pray: Take this time to praise and worship God as the creator of the universe. Even better, do this outside or, at least, reflect on past experiences where you have experienced the expansion and vastness of His beauty.

DAY 2: GOD THE CREATOR

Read: Genesis 1:25-2:25

Reflect: Why did God create Adam and Eve? What does the creation of humans mean for us today?

Pray: Praise God for creating you in His Image! Pray for wisdom and discernment of how to be a good steward of the rest of His creation. Pray that you would find no greater satisfaction than in knowing God and being known by Him.

DAY 3: THE CURSE OF SIN

Read: Genesis 3

Reflect: What is the result of sin entering the world for us? For creation? Think back on a time you thought you knew better than God and disobeyed Him? What was the result?

Pray: Confess your sins to God. Focus on when you thought your ways were better than His ways. Ask God to reveal and remind you that His ways are not our ways and His ways are always better.

DAY 4: THE HOPE TO COME

Read: Romans 8:18-25, John 3:16-21

Reflect: What brings you hope? Where in your life do you see evidence of God working toward reconciliation and redemption?

Pray: Pray for a renewed heart and spirit to be a part of God's redeeming work by bringing the Gospel to yourself daily and then to people and places who have not experienced it. Pray a prayer of Thanksgiving for the saving work of Jesus Christ in your life. Pray for those in your life who do not have that same faith.

Day 5: Why is the Happening? Take time to watch the teaching for Sunday. Listen, reflect, and be ready to discuss with your House Church.