

## Home Groups - Discussion Questions

Wed 31 May / Thurs 1 June

*Big doors turn on small hinges* Lamentations 3

1. Verses 1-20 describe great affliction. How is this different from what we have seen before (in terms of those who are being afflicted)? What are some of the most painful verses to you?
2. In what sense does verse 21 illustrate the quotation, “big doors turn on small hinges”? Can you think of any other Biblical examples of this?
3. What does Jeremiah “call to mind” in v22-24? How does this give him hope?
4. What is so comforting about God’s mercies being new every morning? Refer to Psalm 30:5.
5. What does verse 24 mean when it says “The Lord is my portion”? Refer to Joshua 13:14, 18:7; Psalm 73:26 and Romans 8:17.
6. Why is it appropriate that Jeremiah calls the people to self-examination in verse 40? How is this good counsel for us?
7. v64-66 Jeremiah prays for God to take vengeance. This is something we sing of in the Psalms as well. Is it appropriate to sing such Psalms & pray such prayers? What can we learn from the precise way in which Jeremiah prays this request?
8. Compare the way Jeremiah speaks **about** God at the opening of the chapter and the way he speaks **to** God at the end of the chapter. Refer to Psalm 23 – compare Ps 23:2-3 and Ps 23:4. What does this teach us about one of God’s purpose of bringing suffering into our lives?

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- Pray for young people who are sitting exams
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