

# Hope

Lamentations 3:1-33

1 Peter 1:1-25



## The Text- Lamentations 3:1-33

Read the passage.

1. What is the general impression you feel as you read this text.
2. Note some of the imagery used to express the prophet's feelings.
3. What stands out in contrast to the predominant theme of the passage.
4. How does the prophet view God?

## The Scriptures - Lamentations 3:1-33 as a portion of the Scriptures

1. Assuming that the author is the prophet Jeremiah, what is the historical setting of these writings?
2. When you read this passage what other passages of the Bible does it remind you of? (Especially in the OT)
3. Lamentations expresses hope in the context of severe suffering. Where else (in the Bible) do you see hope in the middle of suffering.

## Walking the way of Jesus in response to Lamentations 3:1-33 as a portion of the Scriptures.

1. How does the realisation of the prophet's hope in the middle of personal and national suffering help you in your current circumstances?
2. How can we as a church strengthen one-another's hope given the complex and painful experiences that are part of our lives?

## The Text - 1 Peter 1:1-25

Read the Passage.

1. Peter writes to the Church scattered throughout the Roman world. What does he say that the Lord Jesus has done for those who read this letter?
2. How does he describe the believer's inheritance?
3. What do you think the believers may have experienced in the past or may experience in the future?
4. What is the benefit of these experiences?
5. What response should the believers express?

## **The Scriptures - 1 Peter 1:1-25 as a portion of the Scriptures**

1. New birth is also expressed elsewhere in the NT. Who else talks about this new birth? Can you give a reference?
2. What other imagery can you think of in the Bible that conveys something of the same idea?
3. How does this “newness” relate to “hope”?
4. What relationship in the Scriptures do you see between “hope” and “godly living”?

## **Walking the way of Jesus in response to 1 Peter 1:1-25 as a portion of the Scriptures.**

1. Peter’s description of the work of Jesus and its provision of hope for us has a strong future component to it. How does that future hope help you face your current challenges and difficulties?
2. If our hope is to be expressed in holy living now, how can we use the future hope referred to by Peter to strengthen our godly living in our present situations?