

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR READ THROUGH THE BIBLE STUDY FOR 6/13/13

- 1. NOTE GOD'S PROMISE TO HIS PEOPLE EVEN AS HE PRONOUNCES JUDGMENT AGAINST ISRAEL'S ENEMIES (JEREMIAH 46:27). RELATE THIS PROMISE THE SECURITY YOU HAVE IN CHRIST, EVEN AS YOU ENDURE DAILY STRESSES OF INSECURITY, TURMOIL, AND HARDSHIP.**

- 2. REVIEW JEREMIAH 51:10-16. HOW DO THESE WORDS ALSO SUGGEST A PICTURE OF THE LAST DAY?**

- 3. JEREMIAH 52 (SEE ESPECIALLY VERSE 27B) TELLS OF JUDAH BEING LED AWAY INTO CAPTIVITY. ISAIAH 61:1 TALKS ABOUT FREEDOM FROM CAPTIVITY IN WORDS THAT JESUS LATER APPLIES TO HIMSELF (SEE LUKE 4:16-21). HOW HAS JESUS SET FREE FROM CAPTIVITY THOSE WHO TRUST IN HIM?**

- 4. JEREMIAH LAMENTED THE SINS OF JUDAH, AND THE CITY OF JERUSALEM (LAMENTATIONS 1:8). NAME SOME SINS THAT HE MAY HAVE BEEN REMEMBERING. HE ALSO ACKNOWLEDGED HIS OWN SIN (LAMENTATIONS 1:14). WHAT SINS OF HIS OWN MIGHT BE HAVE RECALLED (JEREMIAH 1:6; 20:7-10). WHAT SINS OF OUR OWN TIME AND OF OUR OWN DOING COULD WE LIST AND BRING TO THE THRONE OF GOD'S GRACE? JEREMIAH COULD SEE TH GRIEF THE SIN HAD BROUGHT ON THE PEOPLE (LAMENTATIONS 1:5). WHAT TRUTH BROUGHT HIM COMFORT (LAMENTATIONS 1:18)?**

- 5. READ LAMENTATIONS 3:1-21. LIST TERMS OF PHRASES THAT EXPRESS THE PROPHET'S SORROW. IN WHAT WAY WAS JEREMIAH A LIVING EXAMPLE OF JOHN 16:33 AND ACTS 14:22?**

- 6. JEREMIAH'S LAST TWO FUNERAL POEMS LAMENT THE UTTER DESTRUCTION OF THE LAND AND THE PEOPLE. ARE THERE TIMES IN YOUR LIFE WHEN GOD SEEMS ABSENT? HOW CAN FAITH AND HOPE SURVIVE IN SUCH TIMES? READ LAMENTATIONS 5:19-22. THEN PRAY THE PRAYER OF VERSE 3 OF THE HYMN, "OH THAT THE LORD WOULD GUIDE MY WAYS" (LSB707) AS PART OF YOUR CLOSING PRAYER TODAY.**

- 7. IF YOU WERE TO DRAW A PICTURE OF GOD, WHAT ASPECTS OF HIS NATURE WOULD YOU WANT TO PICTURE? WHAT ASPECTS OF HIS NATURE DOES GOD PICTURE FOR EZEKIEL IN EZEKIEL 21 AND 2? WHAT PICTURE OF GOD IS PRESENTED IN I JOHN 4:7-12?**