

God's Great Leaders – Servants, Slaves

Session 6 – Leadership Prayers: Jeremiah Affliction, Hopelessness, Hope Lamentations 3:1-33

1. What did Jeremiah accuse the Lord of doing to him that had caused him pain?

2. Do you believe that God had done these things to Jeremiah or was Jeremiah expressing his extreme pain and frustration to God?

3. What circumstances in your life have happened or could happen that might prompt you to express your pain, frustration, and disappointment to God?

4. How can remembering affliction, roaming, wormwood (bitterness), and gall (poison) bring hope (Lamentations 3:19-21)?

5. What does Lamentations 3:27 mean?

6. How many times does Jeremiah use the word *hope* in Lamentations 3:19-33 and what brings him hope?

7. What brings you hope?

8. Select one or more in your group to lead as you express your hope or hopelessness to God and thank Him for His mercies, compassion, faithfulness, and goodness.

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Session 6 – Leadership Projects

You are a deacon in the church. You and your fellow deacons set up a program of work which depends on a majority of the members to make it function. You receive very poor cooperation out of a good many of the members and even hear some insulting remarks from some. What should you do?

1. What are at least three ways to deal with this?

2. What action will be taken?

3. Who will be responsible for seeing it carried out?

4. When will it be done?

5. How will we communicate this to the group we lead?

6. How will we answer questions about this issue?

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Session 6 – Leadership Problems and Possibilities

1. What, if anything, does Exodus 34:6,7 and Numbers 14:18 have to do with leadership in the home, church, and other groups?

2. Why will “a few good funerals” not solve problems in leadership and followship?

3. How does a person “leave home” (Genesis 2:24) in relationship to a former home, congregation, or other group?

4. Instead of repeating mistakes learned from previous groups, what is a better way of evaluating principles and procedures (Acts 17:11)?

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Session 6 – Leadership Mustard Seeds

1. What did you learn about God?

2. What did you learn about prayer?

3. What did you learn about group interaction?

4. What did you learn about leadership?

5. What did you learn about yourself?
