

Growing PRAISE

EVERY NIGHT...EVERY HOME...THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS IN LIFE

23 — 29 August 2020

THEME VERSES - Lamentations 3:24

***"I say to myself,
The Lord is my inheritance;
therefore, I will hope in him!"***

TABLE GRACE

(tune "Rock around the clock")

*God is great, God is good;
and we thank him for our food.
We're gonna thank him in the
morning, noon and night.
We're gonna thank the Lord,
He's dynamite!
Amen. Amen.
Amen. Amen. Amen.*

5 POINT CHECK UP

1. Share your highs (good times) and lows (bad times)
2. Read a verse from the Bible.
3. What do you find "best" in the text? What is most confusing or hard to understand? What does God want you to do?
4. Pray for one another (Praise God, Thank Jesus, Ask the Holy Spirit).
5. Bless one another.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

***"The darker the night,
the brighter the stars.
The deeper the grief,
the closer is God!"***

— Fyodor Dostoevsky, *Crime and Punishment*

Living Water Fellowship, Wagga Wagga

Come...Grow...Go...Show



let's TALK

1. Gather in the name of the Father, Son & Holy Spirit. Share your highs/lows. Read Lamentations 3:19-23 & Ecclesiastes 3:1-8. What strikes you in these verses? How are these verses a challenge AND an encouragement for you?
2. Lamentations was written in the shadow of the Babylonian invasion but Jeremiah still clung to God's love & compassion. When do you find it hardest to trust Jesus is with you? How does knowing God's mercies are new every day bring you strength, hope, & courage, even in those dark days? Can you share that with someone?
3. Are there particular verses of Scripture that help you in difficult times? Verses 22-27 are found in the Psalms & in Isaiah. How does remembering Scripture & God's past faithfulness provide assurance & hope in troubled times?
4. Both Northern & Southern Kingdoms of God's people were in fact defeated & destroyed & never returned to their pre-exile glory. Does the hope & promise expressed here seem "hollow" in the face of that destruction? Why or Why not?
5. Is Eccl 3:1-8 DESCRIPTIVE or PRESCRIPTIVE? Why? Are we trapped in endless cycles of "one thing after another," or is our time moving toward a purposeful destiny?
6. How does faith in Christ serve you in the various times of your life? Can you share that with someone in a difficult time now?

let's READ

Sunday	1 Peter 5:6-7	Thursday	Deuteronomy 7:7-9
Monday	James 1:2-4	Friday	1 Peter 5:10-11
Tuesday	Hebrews 4:14-16	Saturday	Romans 5:3-5
Wednesday	Job 19:25-27	MEMORIZE	Colossians 3:16

let's PRAY

PRAISE GOD for the gift of His presence & power in all things.

THANK JESUS that he lives in you to lead you to salvation.

ASK THE HOLY SPIRIT to give you the faith, strength & boldness you need to live each day in Christ.

let's BLESS

Make the sign of the cross on each other as you say:

**(Name), † child of God,
Christ risen & alive in you
is all your hope & joy! Amen.**

