

# 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.**

