

# Sermon-based Small Groups

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## Advent Hope

Lamentations 3:19-24

Week of December 3, 2023

### **This week's scripture:**

- <sup>19</sup> The thought of my affliction and my homelessness is wormwood and gall!
- <sup>20</sup> My soul continually thinks of it and is bowed down within me.
- <sup>21</sup> But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:
- <sup>22</sup> The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end;
- <sup>23</sup> they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.
- <sup>24</sup> "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."

**Scripture Reflection Questions:** Read this week's scripture together and discuss the following:

- What do we learn about God (e.g., traits, personality, what matters, priorities) in this passage?
- What do we learn about people, and ourselves in particular, this week?

**Sermon Reflection Questions:** Reflecting on this week's sermon, discuss the following:

- Do you ever experience hopelessness? What are some of the sources of that hopelessness?
- As we approach the celebration of Christmas morning, in what ways is God already at work bringing you hope?