

GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

All the Feels

Week of March 1, 2020

Week 1: Sorrow (Jeff Griffin, Senior Pastor)

Text: Matthew 23:37

Our new series is a study of the emotions Jesus displayed in the last week of His earthly ministry. The first emotion was “Sorrow.” Jesus wept over Jerusalem. Those tears tell us much about what matters most to our Lord. What matters to Him must also matter to us!

Kicking it off: We are studying the tears of Jesus. What type of situation is most likely to bring you to tears?

Discussion:

1. Reread *Luke 19:41* As Jesus approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it.

Are these tears a sign of weakness? If not, what are they a sign of?

2. Reread *Matthew 23:37* “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing.”

What does the “hen and chicks” thing tell us about the dream of Jesus?

3. The word “longed” seems to be an emotion-laden term. What does it tell us about Jesus?

4. *Matthew 23:37* indicates that the Lord “sent” the prophets to those in Jerusalem. Why did God send them?

5. How does *Matthew 23:37* apply to someone who believes that they are destined to be distant from the Lord?

6. How would you guide someone who desires to repent of their “unwillingness” (Matt 23:37) and become a “chick” gathered under the Lord’s “wing”?

Wrapping It Up: Pray that God would help you to long for what He longs for. Pray that Christ’s dream would be fulfilled in your life.