

## SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

In the Time of Tears • Pastor Brian Zahnd • October 5, 2025

- 1. When was the last time you were moved to tears?
- 2. What do you do to combat despair and hopelessness?

Read Lamentations 1:1-3

- 3. Put yourself in the position of an exile carried away after the destruction of Jerusalem. How would you have felt?
- 4. Which metaphor in these verses stands out to you?
- 5. What are the problems with living in denial regarding the pain, evil, and injustice in our world?

Read Psalm 137:1-4, 8-9

- 6. How do you respond to imprecatory psalms like this one?
- 7. Pastor Brian, "In Christ the chosen people are the human race, the holy land is the whole earth, and the true temple is the body of Christ." How the coming of Jesus and the outpouring of the Spirit change how we think about who are the "chosen people," what is the "holy land," and what is the "temple"?
- 8. Who do you know in despair that needs a word of hope or encouragement?