

# Hope Church Life Groups

## Sermon Guide

*Luke 19:28-44*

*Week of Sunday, April 5th, 2020*

### Quotes to Stir Up Discussion:

It is not, then, God the grand co-commiserator who gives us the freedom to cry out, but God the Rock. This is the God we can trust with our pain, our confusion, and grief even when he gives no answers, precisely because he is big enough to *be* the only answer we need.

— Derek Rishmawy, "The God Who Hears Our Lament"

Did you know Creation is talking to you?  
Wherever you go and whatever you do?  
God will keep giving you clue after clue  
So you won't forget to remember what's true ...  
Let the whole earth remind you of what God has said  
From the moment you wake up 'till you go to bed  
Oh and even on days you forget what is true  
Don't forget to remember, God won't forget you  
— Ellie Holcomb, "Don't Forget to Remember"

Death cannot stop true love. All it can do is delay it for a while.

— Westley, *The Princess Bride*

### Discussion Questions:

- Share a high and a low from your past week. High: What brought you delight, excitement, happiness, or satisfaction? Low: What is something that made you angry, sad, confused, or frustrated?
- What does your “new normal” look like now? What are some of the opportunities that have come due to the COVID-19 restrictions? What do you miss most about the “old normal”?
- A lament is a cry to God in times of suffering, anger, sadness, or doubt. Have you ever lamented to God? If so, what were you lamenting, what did your lamentation look like, and how did you feel afterward?
- If you were to lament right now, what would you want to say to God?
- Instead of lamenting, we often turn to other ways of dealing with our negative thoughts and emotions. What are some unhealthy strategies you have used to cope?
- Can you think of time in your life where you relied on Jesus as your Rock? What was the situation? How did it play out?