

**1. Living in a foreign land**

- a) Psalm 137:4 What was the context for the writing of this psalm? Who was the author of this psalm?
- b) Why did memories of their homeland cause the psalmist and his fellow exiles to weep? Psalm 137:1
- c) Psalm 137:2-3 Did those who requested one of the songs of Zion really want to hear a song of Zion or were they just mocking the captives who were separated from their homeland?
- d) What are the similarities between the experience of the children of Israel as exiles in Babylon and our experience as strangers in this sin-ravaged world?
- e) Share a time when you wept because of the evil that surrounds us on this planet in rebellion.

**2. Why are we here?**

- a) Why were the children of Israel taken captive to Babylon? 2 Chronicles 36:14-20
- b) Who were some of the well-known Bible characters who were taken captive to this foreign land?
- c) What about us? Why are we here in this foreign land, this sin-ravaged planet? Romans 5:12-14
- d) Where do we learn more about the sin of Adam? Genesis 3:1-8
- e) How did the sin of Adam and his wife Eve impact their environment and their descendants? Genesis 3:17-19, 4:3-8

- f) How does the Psalmist Asaph describe the impact of sin on our world? Psalm 74:20
- g) Psalm 88:1-5 Who can relate to the despondency of the sons of Korah, living in a world filled with sin, sickness, and death?
- h) What stories in the Bible illustrate the devastating consequences of sin?

**3. How can we sing the LORD’s song in a foreign land?**

- a) Psalm 137:4 What is the LORD’s song? Psalm 9:1-2, 34:1-3, etc.
- b) Why is it challenging to sing the LORD’s song in a foreign land?
- c) How did Daniel and his three friends, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, sing the LORD’s song in Babylon? Daniel 1:8, 2:20-23, 3:16-18
- d) What important commitment did the Psalmist Asaph make in the midst of his anguish? Psalm 77:10-12
- e) What testimony did the Psalmist David give to those who wait patiently while living in a foreign land? Psalm 40:1-3, 63:1-4
- f) Why is it important for us to sing the LORD’s song in this foreign land? 1 Peter 2:9
- g) What is your song of the LORD’s goodness?

