

SERMON OUTLINE & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS
JANUARY 16, 2022

THE RIGHT RESPONSE TO MISERY
LAMENTATIONS 3:37-42

MAIN THOUGHT & OUTLINE

The right response to the reality of misery is not to complain but to commit your way to the Lord with real repentance.

- I. The Reality of Misery (v.37-38)
- II. The Wrong Response of Complaining (v.39)
- III. The Right Response of Repentance (v.40-42)

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

1. What are 2 or 3 ways this past week where have you complained sinfully before God for misery? Have you repented? How should you have responded instead?
2. Are your prayers of repentance genuinely heartfelt or are they infrequent and cold? What can you do to change this?
3. Pray for and think of practical ways you could witness to someone you know who complains a lot in conversation.
4. What have you done with the preaching through the themes of these Shorter Catechism questions on the fall and the resulting state of sin and misery?

FURTHER READING: Num 11:1; Ezra 9:5; Psalm 139:23-24; Isa 45:7, 55:7; Jer 17:9-10; Lam 3:22-23; Dan 9:1-19; Joel 2:12-13; 1 Peter 4:19