

## TAKING IT HOME

1. Psalm 77 is a good example of an honest prayer in the midst of a tough situation. Use this prayer as a guide as you write out your own "psalm" about a tough season in your life or a painful situation. Honestly express your thoughts and emotions to God. Also include a list of the things God has done for you which will help you maintain your trust in Him.

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Lamentations 3:18-33

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## Pain

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4 Men who knew pain and how they responded:

Jeremiah-

Job-

Paul-

Jesus

Bianca's Story:

1) People who keep their \_\_\_\_\_ until the end will be \_\_\_\_\_ . Matthew 24:13

2) You \_\_\_\_\_ have trouble and pain, but be \_\_\_\_\_ ! Christ has defeated the world! John 16:33

3) \_\_\_\_\_ has kept all of His \_\_\_\_\_ . Numbers 23:19

4) \_\_\_\_\_ your heavenly \_\_\_\_\_ . Proverbs 3:5-6

## **Growth Group Homework**

For the Week of April 22nd, 2012

1. Look back at your notes from this Sunday's teaching. Was there a particular point, verse or comment that caught your attention, challenged you or raised a question?

### **DIGGING DEEPER**

1. The Bible gives us windows into the lives of many people who experienced great pain, hardship or loss. Read the following Scriptures and take a look at how each person responded to their situation. Pay attention to what they learned or taught as a result of their trials and jot down any observations. Finally, see if you can connect any of your observations to your notes from this week's message.

**Job: Job 1:18-22, 2:7-10**

**David: Psalm 27:1-14**

**Jesus: Luke 9:21-27**

**Peter: 1 Peter 4:12-19**

2. How is Paul's perspective in **2 Corinthians 1:3-11** contrary to how most of us would normally think when facing physical or emotional challenges?

What part of this Scripture is most encouraging for you?

What part is most challenging?

If you are facing a great difficulty or a time of suffering, what would you want someone to do (or not do) in their attempt to comfort or share in your suffering?