

Small Groups Guide

Sermon date: February 27, 2022

Sermon Title: A Loving God – Elder Jeff

Scripture: Psalm 38:3-4, Romans 8:19-22

Connection:

- 1) What do you remember most from last week's sermon?
- 2) How did you hear God's voice or sense His presence this past week?
- 3) What are you thankful for this week?

Reflection:

- 1) Summarize the sermon in one to three sentences. What was the main point of the message?
- 2) What did the message say about you, God's people or the world?
- 3) What did that message mean for our church?

Application

- 1) Jeff answered the question "why pain" with the reasons sin leads to consequences (Psalm 38:3-4), a lack of focus on God (Proverbs 21:16), and imperfection in the world (Romans 8:19-22). Read each of those passages again. Which one of those reasons seems most powerful to you?
- 2) Re read Psalm 38:3-4. What are some effects of sin on creation that we see today? What are the effects of sin on relationships in your life?
- 3) Re-read Job 30:20-23. What do you know of Job? How did he ultimately respond to God?
- 4) Re-read John 11:32-35. What do you learn about Jesus here? Do you still love Jesus even if He does not raise the dead in our lives as He did with Lazarus?
- 5) Jeff shared four key moments in his life and how God redeemed and restored him. Do you have similar moments in your life where God has redeemed and restored? Share them if you feel comfortable.
- 6) Re-read Matthew 27:45-46. What do you learn about pain and God's love in this passage? How do you pray to God when crying out in pain?
- 7) *Personal reflection question:* How will I live out this teaching in the week to come?
- 8) End by praying **together** for Jesus to be known in our city, country and world. Pray for New Horizons to be a lighthouse in Spokane, and for the Pathways project.