

# DISCUSSION GUIDE

November 22, 2020

We are **One Church, Scattered together!** Whether you are joining us in-person or online, know we are worshipping God **together**, sharing life **together**, and loving our neighbors **together** as one church gathered in many homes!

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**If you are a leader, participant, or host of a gathering and have questions?**

Reach out to Rob and Elyse Pegggar ([elyse.peggar@vcgurnee.org](mailto:elyse.peggar@vcgurnee.org)).

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## Worship in The Preaching of Scripture

Series: Hope Amidst Darkness

Title: Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Reference: Micah 7:18-20

## Share Life Together :: Discussing the Text Most Recently Preached

1. Read Micah 7:18. Describe a time you've been deeply moved by someone's forgiveness toward you. The weight of the offense and the prominence of the person wronged makes forgiveness all the more moving. Now read Psalm 130:3-4. Be encouraged.
2. Read Micah 7:19. Then read Psalm 103:8-18. Do you truly believe that you are forgiven by grace? Why is it challenging to believe that God *really* loves you and has forgiven you?
3. Consider: God took away the guilt of sin, so it can't condemn Christians. God takes away the power of sin, so it can't rule Christians. God will take away the presence of sin, so it can't touch Christians. How does the past, present, and future nature of our freedom from sin help make sense of the daily battle with sin?
4. Read Micah 7:20. The exile put God's promise of being faithful to Abraham "on the hook." Israel would have wondered, "Was our sin the straw that broke the camel's back of God's faithfulness?" Imagine how encouraging the final verse in Micah must have been? How are these "final words" encouraging to you?

## Love your Neighbors Together

You may be looking for ways to share the love of Jesus with others as an individual or as a gathering. Knowing this season provides unique opportunities to love our neighbors, we ask that you contact Pastor Brandon ([brandon.smith@vcgurnee.org](mailto:brandon.smith@vcgurnee.org)) for more information about current opportunities to serve.