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*Lamentations 3*

**BIG IDEA:** When it seems darkness has \_\_\_\_\_ you  
\_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

1. Hopeless in the Dark (*Lamentations 3:1-20*)

2. Hopeful in the Light (*Lamentations 3:21-66*)

## Monday

**READ:** Lamentations 3:1-24

**REFLECT:** Jeremiah spent the first two chapters simply observing the Israelites' suffering. Now he is suffering himself and he gets to experience God's faithfulness. It is one thing to observe God's faithfulness in suffering but another to actually experience it.

**RESPOND:** What is a moment in your life where you personally experienced God's faithfulness rather than just seeing it in others? How did that draw you closer to Him?

## Tuesday

**READ:** Lamentations 3:25-39

**REFLECT:** It takes faith to trust in God's goodness in the midst of suffering. Yet, this is exactly what Jeremiah did (and encouraged others to do) as he experienced great difficulty. He knew that suffering was for a season and did not allow himself to forget the future because of his difficult present circumstances.

**RESPOND:** How can your present difficult circumstances rob you from seeing the future? Ask God to help you see this future of hope so that you can endure the present.

## Wednesday

**READ:** Lamentations 3:40-47

**REFLECT:** Jeremiah encourages the Israelites to examine their hearts and return to the Lord. When we go through suffering, we have two options — lean into God or run away from Him. Sometimes, God may want us to learn something in our suffering and may keep us there until we learn the lesson and turn back to Him.

**RESPOND:** Have you ever experienced suffering because you turned your back to the Lord? What made you turn back? Spend time praising God for His mercy and love to discipline you when needed.

## Thursday

**READ:** Lamentations 3:48-66

**REFLECT:** Jeremiah closes out this chapter by praising God "in advance" of what He was going to do. He did not wait to see what God would do before praising Him. He praised God before God's deliverance.

**RESPOND:** Spend time praising God for what He is going to do in the future. If you can't do this, say, "I praise you God" as a statement of faith. Ask Him to help your unbelief.

## Friday

**READ:** Psalm 102

**REFLECT:** This psalm is written by someone in lament who is tired of pretending everything is okay and they confess they cannot endure on their own. Being honest with ourselves and God about our emotions can be the turning point of our suffering. While it may not eliminate suffering, it can give us the necessary hope and strength we need.

**RESPOND:** Read aloud Psalm 102 to God. Spend time in silence and see what He says to you in response.



# PCC Upcoming Events



## Baptism

JANUARY 28+29

Baptism is a public demonstration of a personal commitment to follow Jesus Christ. If you've made a decision to follow Christ and are ready to be baptized, we invite you to make a public profession of your faith through baptism.



## Life at Pathway

SUNDAYS, JANUARY 29 + FEBRUARY 5 | 9-10:15am

This two-week group will lead you through an exploration of Pathway's four core values, which are the essentials for a full life found only in Jesus Christ. If you've been to Intro, this class is your next step!



## Rooted

TUESDAYS | JANUARY 31 - APRIL 18

Rooted is a ten-week community experience where we learn to practice seven rhythms essential to a healthy relationship with Jesus. We will explore how to establish firm roots in the Truth of God's Word.



## Financial Peace University

THURSDAYS | FEBRUARY 2 - MARCH 30

FPU will provide you with a plan to achieve your financial goals. You'll learn practical steps to eliminate debt, build savings, and attain financial freedom. Find out for yourself why those who've completed this class can't stop talking about it.



## ManDay Monday

MONDAYS | JANUARY 23 - MARCH 6

Guys—if you're looking for a group or you'd like to grow alongside other men, ManDay Monday has your name all over it. Every Monday we'll gather for teaching time and table-group discussions. And, night one includes a free meal!



## First Impressions

When someone walks through our doors, First Impression team members often are the first faces people see and interactions they have. A warm smile, a cup of coffee, or help finding a seat can go a long way in creating a positive experience for both guests and long-time attendees.

If you are friendly and willing to help, First Impressions has a place for you! *Most roles require minimal training and no time commitment outside of weekend service.*

- ✓ Greeters
- ✓ Ushers
- ✓ Coffee Team
- ✓ Guest Services

To learn more about these roles, scan the QR code. Or stop by Guest Services in the lobby—the team would love to talk with you!



Explore all serving opportunities at [pccfw.org/serve](http://pccfw.org/serve).



# Ministries & Events

## JANUARY 2023



### CONNECT

#### CHILDREN

SUNDAYS | 9+11am

**KIDCITY** (Infant – 4th Grade)

✉ aashby@pccfw.org

#### STUDENTS

SUNDAYS | 9+11am

**PROJECT 5** (5th Grade)

✉ bhaglund@pccfw.org

SUNDAYS | 9+11am

**IMPULSE: DIGGING DEEPER** (Middle School)

✉ impulse@pccfw.org

WEDNESDAYS | 6:15pm

**IMPULSE** (Middle School)

✉ impulse@pccfw.org

WEDNESDAYS | 7:30pm

**IMPACT** (High School)

✉ sdize@pccfw.org

### GROW

#### NEXT STEPS

JAN 14 | 6:15pm

JAN 15 | 12:15pm

**INTRO**

✉ mblocher@pccfw.org

JAN 28+29

**BAPTISM**

✉ hpatrick@pccfw.org

JAN 29 + FEB 5 | 9am

**LIFE AT PATHWAY**

✉ hpatrick@pccfw.org

JAN 31 | 6:30pm

**ROOTED**

✉ hpatrick@pccfw.org

#### ADULTS

ONGOING  
DAYS/TIMES VARY

**LIFE GROUPS**

✉ dlitwiller@pccfw.org

#### MEN

JAN 23 | 7pm

**MAN-DAY MONDAY**

✉ hpatrick@pccfw.org

#### WOMEN

MONDAYS | 9am

**WOMEN'S COFFEE & CONVERSATION**

✉ anebatt57@gmail.com

JAN 31 | 9am

**MOM2MOM**

✉ juliestutzman@hotmail.com

#### MARRIAGE & PARENTING

JAN 8 | 9am

**CARE COMMUNITY ORIENTATION**

✉ truevine@pccfw.org

JAN 16 | 6:30pm

**RE|ENGAGE**

(Marriage Environment)

✉ kbrown@pccfw.org

JAN 16 | 6:30pm

**MERGE**

(Pre-Marriage Environment)

✉ kbrown@pccfw.org

#### YOUNG ADULTS

(18-25 year olds)

ONGOING  
DAYS/TIMES VARY

**YOUNG ADULT LIFE GROUPS**

✉ bvongunten@pccfw.org

JAN 16 | 6pm

**YOUNG ADULT RELAUNCH**

✉ bvongunten@pccfw.org

### CARE & SUPPORT

TUESDAYS | 7pm

**CELEBRATE RECOVERY**

✉ CelebrateRecovery@pccfw.org

THURSDAYS | 6:30pm

**MOM OF AN ADDICT**

✉ care@pccfw.org

JAN 28 | 9am

**INFERTILITY & LOSS SUPPORT**

✉ karambishop@gmail.com

JAN 31 | 7pm

**DIVORCE CARE**

✉ care@pccfw.org

FEB 2 | 7pm

**GRIEF SHARE**

✉ care@pccfw.org

### FINANCE

FEB 2 | 6:30pm

**FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY**

✉ bbeall@pccfw.org



### SERVE

#### MISSIONS & OUTREACH

JAN 7+8

**FOOD PANTRY DONATION WEEKEND**

✉ gomissions@pccfw.org

JAN 8 | 10am

**SHORT-TERM MISSIONS INFO MEETING**

✉ gomissions@pccfw.org

### JOB OPPORTUNITIES AT PATHWAY

Read more or apply at [pccfw.org/jobs](http://pccfw.org/jobs)

- Finance Director
- Creative Lead Associate Director
- AVL Technician
- Associate Director, Media — KidCity

### WAYS TO GIVE

- 1 Scan to give
- 2 Text GIVE to 1-833-568-5410
- 3 Click GIVE on [pccfw.org](http://pccfw.org)
- 4 Drop your gift in the offering buckets or boxes
- 5 Tap GIVE on the PCC at Home app



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