

**CONNECTION:**

- When you were a kid, what did THANKSGIVING look like?
- What did your THANKSGIVING look like this year?
- What would you say you are most THANKFUL for right now?

**PRAISE:**

- Where have you experienced God's goodness and **sovereignty** in your life this week?

**SCRIPTURE:**

- Exodus 2:23 - 3:10

**CONVERSATIONS:**

- Read Exodus 2:23
  - How is a prayer of lament different than just 'complaining' to God?
  - Why does it take faith to lament?
  - Why do Christians sometimes shy away from lament or not pray at all when they experience great pain or hurt in their life?
  - As you think back on God's faithfulness, where has he proven himself to be trustworthy?
  - What portions of Scripture do you use to anchor your soul to who God is?
  - How does the cross become the ultimate anchor and resolution for our suffering and pain?
- Read Exodus 3:10
  - God calls Moses to bring the people of Israel out of Egypt. What has changed between 40 year old Moses (the prince of Egypt) and 80 year old Moses (the desert shepherd)? What does this teach us about how God can use us?
  - Is a 'calling' from God something that is just for pastors and missionaries, or is it for all Christians?
  - How would a person get a sense of God's calling in their life?
  - If someone asked you what God's calling on your life is, how would you answer a question like that?

**PRACTICE:**

- Read one of lament Psalms (i.e. Psalm 13, 22, 42, 77, 142) and learn how to pray prayers of lament.
- Take some time to articulate what you believe God "call" on your life is. What gifts and skills has he given you? What are you passionate about? Where is God opening a door for you to help see the kingdom of God advance in people's lives or in the world around you?

**PRAYER:**

- PRAY that we would all feel free to bring our laments to God.
- PRAY that we would all have an increased desire to pray - both for ourselves and for the people in our lives.
- PRAY for the ongoing Covid situation, especially the impact it is having on those in the school system and in health care.
- PRAY for the Community Hub as more clients are impacted. May their experience here be meaningful and cause them to seek after God.
- PRAY for ongoing unity within our church community .