



# Growth Group Discussion Questions

Spring Session 5/4/19

1. Read the following scriptures: Jeremiah 15:16-18, Job 9:16-18, and Psalms 22:1-2. What do the passages have in common? Do you think this level of complaint to and against God is righteous? Acceptable? Desired by God? Why or why not? If you do, do you find it difficult to express yourself so bluntly to God, and if so, why?
2. On Sunday, it was mentioned that “disappointment is proportional to the gap between your expectations and reality”. And “If you scratch under the surface of a cynic you will find a wounded idealist.” (John Ortberg, Faith and Doubt) What is your experience with these things, whether personally or through people close to you?
3. Skim or read the bulk of Elijah’s spotlight in the scriptures in I Kings 17-19. How would you describe the trajectory of this account if you were summing it up for a friend who is new to the Bible? What surprises you about this towering figure of the faith? What do you relate to in him? What do you find inspiring about him?
4. Read John 16:33, Acts 14:22, and Romans 8:18. Why is it so hard to accept that genuine trouble may really come the way of the faithful Christian? How can we be strengthened in our times of testing so that such trouble does not cause us to become cynics, but instead to become faithful realists? How can your group members help you in your journey in this area—prayer, follow up, asking questions, etc?