## **September 1 Questions**

1) God concluded Lamentations by telling the people why their judgment had been so horrible: "The guilt of my people is greater than that of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, where utter disaster struck in a moment and no hand offered help" (Lam 4:6 NLT). The destruction of Sodom had been \_\_\_\_\_\_\_; the destruction of Jerusalem was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and full of horrible \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (mothers boiled and ate their own children). This was because their sin was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than Sodom. Indeed, they made Sodom look \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by comparison! (Ezek 16:48–51). Next, God told the people to bring their sorrow and grief to him in prayer: "Remember, O Lord, what has befallen us; \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and see our disgrace!" (Lam 5:1). They must bear their punishment without complaint, but it was appropriate for them to lay their suffering at God's feet and beg for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Lam 5:16). Lastly, God urged them to ask for restoration: "Restore us to yourself, O Lord, that we may be restored! \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ our days as of old" (Lam 5:21). This was an appeal for God to bring them back into covenant faithfulness and love, for true restoration is found only in a loving, obedient \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with God. Thus Lamentations ends with a call to find \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the one, true God.