

Markers of hope

From Christians in Politics:

At last month's National Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast, theologian Tom Wright asked the question: 'After the chaos, how are we supposed to get back on track?'

As we have heard the news this week about most COVID-19 restrictions being eased, now is a good time to take stock.

Whilst life may not be completely back to normal immediately, Professor Wright suggests we can put down markers of hope as signs of new possibilities and a way ahead: lamenting, forgiving and rebuilding.

'If we discover the reality of healthy lament and forgiveness as we rebuild, we will discover the reality that the living god comes to dwell in our midst by His spirit- to share our lament, to assure of us of forgiveness, and to give us the energy to rebuild.'

Watch him unpack what these three markers mean for us as Christians, engaged in the public sphere, in the video below.



Tom Wright speaking at the National Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast

1) Let us lament. Lament is a way of looking at the whole picture in the light of God's rescuing purposes. It can become a fresh source of creative hope.

2) Let us learn to forgive. Many of us have felt anger at decisions made at different points in

the pandemic, whether by national or local politicians, friends and family, or the wider pandemic. However, anger is never a good base for hope and restoration.

3) Let us rebuild. We need churches to work with MPs and local councillors to work together to rebuild our communities, and care for those most in need.