

Water of Life Community Church

JEREMIAH

WEEK 1

JEREMIAH 1-6

PARTICIPANT GUIDE

ICE BREAKER

PRAYER

WORSHIP

INTRODUCTION

Jeremiah prophesies in the final stages of this terrible period of decline. He declares the coming destruction of all the visible, tangible evidence of God's presence with the people: the land, the city, the temple, the throne of David. In common with nearly all the Old Testament prophets, Jeremiah had three main points to his message:

- God's people (in this case, those in Judah) have sinned grievously against the Lord.
 - The Lord will judge his people for their sin, in this case through the onslaught of the Babylonians.
 - Yet God is both unfailingly faithful and bountifully merciful and will bring restoration and salvation.
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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. READ 1 KINGS 11:1-6; 29-34; 38-40

- a. From this chapter, who introduced the Israelites to the worship of other gods?
- b. What was the outcome of Solomon's choice?
- c. The prophet Ahijah found Jereboam and prophesied over him. What did this mean for Israel?
- d. What did Solomon do when he heard about the prophecy? Why do you think he did not repent?

2. READ JEREMIAH 2:11-13.

- a. Why do you think God sent Jeremiah to preach this message to Israel? What was God hoping for from His people, Israel?
- b. Read Jeremiah 1:4-9; 17-19. What are God's promises to Jeremiah as he delivers God's word to his people?

c. Read Jeremiah 2:13 and John 4:7-14. The Israelites abandon the living water, and Jesus brings it back. Why do we walk away from living water for a mirage?

d. What places do we often go to save us instead of to God?

3. READ JEREMIAH 6:13-16.

a. In what ways are we often stubborn with God? Can you name other Biblical characters who were stubborn with God?

b. What does God say in verses 13-15, to his people who are unashamed of their actions?

c. According to Jeremiah 6:16, what did God want his people to do?

d. For believers today, what do we need to do if we have chosen the wrong path?

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME

- In what ways have you chosen the wrong path or listened to the wrong message? Ask God to forgive you, and turn onto the right path.
- Whom do you know has chosen the right path? How can you take their example and apply it to your life?

GOING DEEPER/WEEKLY CHALLENGE

REFLECT

- Ponder the times you have made a wrong choice. What did you do to turn it around?

RESPOND

- Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you and help you. When you make right choices, you will find rest for your soul.

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MEMORY VERSE

Jeremiah 6:16

"...ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your soul..."

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