

Water of Life Community Church

JEREMIAH

THE BATTLE TO OBEY

WEEK 2

JEREMIAH 11

PARTICIPANT GUIDE

ICE BREAKER

PRAYER

WORSHIP

INTRODUCTION

Discipline is such a negative word for us, but not for God. His discipline involves correction... Who doesn't need that sometimes? His discipline involves training us to live right. That is what all sports teams deal with; correction and training...for an outcome. It is no different with God. There is a desired outcome. Hebrews 12:11 says, "For the moment, all discipline seems not to be pleasant, but painful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterward it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness."

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. READ HEBREWS 12:5-6.

- a. We are told in Hebrews to not make light of the Lord's discipline. What does that mean to you?
- b. We are also told to not lose heart when God rebukes us. What does that look like to you?
- c. Read Jeremiah 11:19. What was the price Jeremiah had to pay for delivering the message that God was going to discipline Israel? Do we react the same way when we receive an unwanted message?

2. READ JEREMIAH 7:8-10.

- a. How do you think the Israelites were able to commit these actions, yet then stand in the temple and declare that God is for them?
- b. In Micah 6:8, God outlines what is expected of a believer. How can we live this every day?
- c. In Jeremiah 7:22-26, God speaks to Israel and explains what He expects, which is to obey his voice and walk in His commandments. Why did this become so hard for the Israelites?

3. READ JEREMIAH 7:22-26 AND EZEKIEL 36:26-27.

- a. These verses challenge us to live in obedience to God's commands. Why is this so hard?
 - b. How does God assist us in following his commands?
 - c. Romans 6:17-18 declares that we "have become obedient from the heart." This is what Pastor calls "love before laws" and "relationship before rules." How does this fact impact the way you view God's plan for you?
 - d. Jeremiah 31:1-2 is a recounting of God's mercy for Israel and is a message of hope. How does this verse help you in your journey to trust God?
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PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME

- Walking in obedience can be very hard. How can you depend on God to assist you in walking in obedience?
 - What can you do if your heart has become hard?
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GOING DEEPER/WEEKLY CHALLENGE

REFLECT

- Do you take time daily to listen to God's voice?

RESPOND

- Take some time this week to be quiet before God. Ask Him to speak to you.

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MEMORY VERSE

Micah 6:8

"...And what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

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