

Water of Life Community Church

JEREMIAH

WEEK 3

JEREMIAH 15-20

PARTICIPANT GUIDE

ICE BREAKER

PRAYER

WORSHIP

INTRODUCTION

The book of Jeremiah is like a blog much more than a novel...it has bits and pieces of God's heart dropped in all over the place...not real systematic but it is really deep! By the time we get around Chapters 15-20 of Jeremiah, judgment has begun to fall...droughts and famines have hit the land. Jeremiah 17:5-10 is a great picture of how God wants us to live and what happens to us when we don't.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. READ JEREMIAH 17:5-10.

- a. Our hearts lie to us. They tell us what we want to hear, not what we need to hear. When they do, we make bad decisions, and we break God's heart. How can we guard our hearts?
- b. What comes to the one who makes flesh his strength? How can we prevent this from happening?
- c. Verses 7-8 explain the benefits of trusting God. What are they? What does this look like for you?
- d. Verse 10 tells us that God tests the mind and searches the heart. We cannot fool God. Knowing that we will reap what we sow, how does this knowledge change your thinking about trusting God?

2. READ JEREMIAH 11:3-5, 8.

- a. Covenant is not mutual, equal, or a deal. It is a commitment. God set a covenant with Israel. Obey and it will go well for you, disobey and it won't go well. How is a covenant different from a contract?
- b. God imposed his covenant on Israel. He did not ask. Israel lost their independence, but gained all of God's generosity. How can a covenant relationship with God benefit us?

3. READ LUKE 15:11-32.

a. The prodigal son takes his share and leaves. When he comes back, he is still part of the family. How did God take this stance of acceptance with Israel?

b. Read Jeremiah 18:1-8. What did the potter do with the vessel that was ruined? What can we know about God from this story?

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME

- God has made a commitment to you, a covenant. What is your response to that?
 - Ask God to help you stay committed to Him, to be true to your covenant relationship with Him.
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GOING DEEPER/WEEKLY CHALLENGE

REFLECT

- What does God's commitment to you mean to you?

RESPOND

- Take some time this week and thank God for His faithfulness to you and recommit yourself to Him.

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MEMORY VERSE

Psalm 138:8

" The LORD will accomplish what concerns me; Your faithfulness, LORD, is everlasting; Do not abandon the works of Your hands."

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