

Water of Life Community Church

JEREMIAH

WEEK 6

JEREMIAH 3:14-17

PARTICIPANT GUIDE

ICE BREAKER

PRAYER

WORSHIP

INTRODUCTION

One of the amazing things we find in Isaiah, Ezekiel, and Jeremiah are these prophecies that are forthtelling...clarifying the present situation. Mixed in with them are prophecies that are foretelling of a future Messiah...this happens in several places in Jeremiah. God offers hope in the midst of discipline. He makes promises to his people. But sometimes the promises clearly go beyond that moment and just those people.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. READ JEREMIAH 3:14-17.

- a. Jeremiah's prophetic claim that the Jews would no longer have the ark of God or even miss it, is a claim that must have shocked the Israelites. Have you had a word from God that was hard to believe? What was it?
- b. In their imminent captivity, Israel had little hope for their future. Jeremiah not only brought them a message of judgement, but of hope for the future. What gives you hope for your future today?
- c. Jeremiah's prophecy includes their shepherds (teachers), their place of worship, their hearts, and their inheritance. Which of these areas speaks to you in your situation right now?
- d. How does Jeremiah's message of hope for Israel speak to you in your present circumstances?

2. READ JEREMIAH 31:31-34.

- a. What is the new covenant that Jeremiah is talking about in these verses?
- b. What is different about the new covenant? How will the people "Know the Lord" (vs 34)?
- c. The old covenant directed people to God but the people would not change their hearts. The new covenant was all about the heart. How does God change the heart?

d. Verse 34: "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more." How does this verse point to Christ?

3. READ JEREMIAH 23:5-6.

a. In these verses, Jeremiah is foretelling about the Messiah, Jesus. The Branch, a small part of a family line (tree) is all that will be left, but it will be enough. How do these words comfort a nation in captivity?

b. Again, in Jeremiah 33:15-16, Jeremiah refers to the Branch as "The Lord our Righteousness." There is only one who is called the "Righteous One." How does this change your thoughts about your current circumstances?

c. What has spoken to you most about these passages?

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME

- How has the new covenant changed everything for us?
 - Have you given your heart to Christ? Why not do that now?
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GOING DEEPER/WEEKLY CHALLENGE

REFLECT

- How did your heart change when you opened up to Jesus?

RESPOND

- Let God lead you this week to someone who needs the Hope of Jesus!

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MEMORY VERSE

1 Corinthians 1:30

"It is because of Him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is our Righteousness, Holiness and Redemption."

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