

## COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS FOR JEREMIAH

### WARM UP

What is one of the most difficult things you've had to go through in life and how did you see God show up?

What was the most impactful thing you processed from the message on Jeremiah this past week?

### EXPLORATION

1. Jeremiah prophecies about the coming destruction of the Kingdom of Judah and calls the people to both collective and individual account before God. Read Jeremiah 17:1-10. Notice how it says even the man who trusts in God will still experience hard times like "drought" and "when the heat comes". How then is the man who trusts in God still blessed despite hard times?
2. This same passage in v. 9 says, "The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?" Comments? How does this show us our need for the Savior Jesus Christ?

3. Jeremiah 2:13 says “My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water.” What do the broken cisterns represent? What are examples of broken cisterns that we turn to today instead of to God?
  
4. People often like the quote from Jeremiah 29:11 which says, “ ‘For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the Lord, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and future.’ “ Yet they miss the larger context of this verse about how God brought about the promised consequence of the people’s disobedience which resulted in suffering and death of many and the exile of the survivors to a strange land far from home. This promise of a hope and future was for the remnant of exiles who God would reestablish in Israel once again as His chosen people. That said, Romans 8:28-30 does offer a similar promise of hope to Christians today. Read Romans 8:28-30. How do Romans 8:28-30 and Jeremiah 29:11 give a Christian hope even in the face of suffering and consequences of sin?

## APPLICATION

Jeremiah 6:16 says, “This is what the LORD says: ‘Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.’ “ What crossroads do you find yourself at this week? What do you need in order to choose the right path? Pray for one another about these things.