

Getting To Know You

1. Has there been a time in your life where you had something really important to say, but no one would listen? If so, what was it? What was the end result/s?
2. Are you excited for sports to start back up? Why or why not?
3. Billy Graham said, "It is not the body's posture, but the heart's attitude that counts when we pray." Thoughts? Agree? Disagree?
4. A.W. Tozer said, "The neglected heart will soon be a heart overrun with worldly thoughts: the neglected life will soon become a moral chaos". Thoughts? Agree? Disagree?
5. Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

Digging Deeper

1. Who is Jeremiah? What is he known as? When did he live? What was the purpose of the book? When did Jeremiah prophesy? Who was his primary audience? What has already happened to Israel (ten northern tribes)? What is Judah (two southern tribes) going through? What nation was God going to use to bring calamity/destruction upon Judah? Why was judgment being rendered? Who were the Babylonians? What do the Babylonians do to Jerusalem and the temple?
2. What are some similarities between Jesus and Jeremiah? Who were they rejected by? What is required to please God? Where is Jeremiah frequently quoted in the New Testament?
3. What are some of the text or verses that come to mind when you think about the book of Jeremiah? What about Jeremiah 1:5-9, 17:9, 29:11-13; Ch. 31? Which ones were immediate? Which ones were futuristic for Jeremiah, but are historical for us? What remnant language is used? How long will Judah be in exile?

What is the New Covenant that Jeremiah speaks of? What is God's desire and plans for His people? How are you experiencing this? How does the new covenant change everything? What were the people missing in Jeremiah & Jesus' day? What does God look at? What does your relationship with God look like? What does He see with you?

4. What is the structure of book of Jeremiah? What is Jeremiah having to correct? What were the false prophets saying about Jeremiah? What almost happens to him as a result? What is Jeremiah communicating to the people? How many nations does Jeremiah address? What is the purpose of this? What is God trying to bring about? How are they disobeying God? How has apostasy begin to spread? What were they replacing God with? How were they refusing God? What were they offering to Moloch? Why were they worshipping Baal? Any similarities between Jeremiah's culture and ours? Explain.

What can we learn from Jeremiah's message? How can we avoid the path that Judah takes? What are the possible consequences if we don't avoid their mistakes?

5. What does Jeremiah do when he sees the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple? How was the idea of Zion Theology shattered as a result of Jerusalem's destruction? What was the purpose of the Book of Lamentations?

What causes you to lament? What breaks your heart? What causes you to mourn? Whose life do you need to speak into? Explain.

Growing Closer

1. Who is someone you shared the gospel with this week?
2. What have you been reading in your quiet times?
3. What has God been teaching you?