



Life group lesson – **Jeremiah**

Week of 10/19/14

## **Quick Review:**

What insight, principle or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye opening or troubling?

## **My Story:**

1. As a teenager were you ever in a relationship that ended in a break up? How did it feel?
2. What is your favorite love story movie?

## **Digging deeper:**

Jeremiah has been called the weeping prophet because he preached at a time when God's people had forsaken God and they were experiencing the consequences of their apostasy (forsaking God). The book of Jeremiah is a long one but its message is clear. God loves His people and because of his love for them He is going to allow Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon to invade Israel and to conquer it. After seventy years of captivity God will visit His people and bring them back into the land of Israel. The outline of the book is as follows:

Chapter 1: Jeremiah's call to be a prophet

Chapters 2-45: Messages concerning the Kingdom of Judah (Southern Israel)

Chapters 46-51: Messages concerning the nations surrounding Judah

## Chapter 52: The fate of Jerusalem

1. Read Jeremiah 2:1-2. What does God say He remembers? What does this say about how God feels about His people?
2. God lists all the good things He did for Israel in Jeremiah 2:3-8. Discuss the good things that God did for them?
3. In Jeremiah 2:5 God asks, "What injustice have your fathers found in me, that they have gone far from me..." Why do you think the people of Israel kept going away from God if He had done so much good for them?
4. Read Jeremiah 2:13. What are the two evils God says His people have done and what does He mean by them? How do we commit these evils today?
5. According to Jeremiah 2:14-19 what are the consequences of Judah's sin?
6. Read Jeremiah 3:1-5. What is God's heart toward His disobedient and sinful people?

## Taking It Home

This week we saw how faithful and loving God was towards Judah, even in the face of Judah having turned their backs on God. Examine your relationship with God. Have you been a faithful, reliable, honest and loyal follower? Jeremiah 2:19 says, "Consider then and realize how evil and bitter it is for you when you forsake the Lord your God and have no awe of me." Begin to view every wrong attitude and wrong action as a serious offense against God, and let your awe of him grow.