

4. Read Jeremiah 1:6-7. God calls us to speak and embody the gospel. He calls us to a missional life. What do you think about when you think about being called to live missionally?

5. Read Jeremiah 1:8-10. How does God equip us for his mission?

6. Our mission is done in God's power. How can you better cooperate with God's power for his mission?

7. Looking back over this week's sermon and study, what one thing is most important for you to remember and apply?

SERIES: Kings & Prophets

SERMON 10: "God Calls Jeremiah"

TEXT: Jeremiah 1:1-10

DATE: November 11/12, 2017

"We are **practiced at pleading inadequacy** in order to avoid living at the best God has called us to." (Eugene Peterson)

"Teach me that if I do not live a life that satisfies thee, I shall not live a life that satisfies me." (Adapted from Valley of Vision)

God's Best for You

- To _____ God with your life
- To make _____ who make _____

We're all called to _____ the Word and _____ the Word.

Why Our "If Only's" Won't Hold Up

1. It's not your call; it's your _____.
Jeremiah 1:5,7

Romans 8:28-30

God has not only called you to himself, he has called you to himself
_____t you can join him in his mission.

2. It's not just about your purpose; it's about God's _____.
Jeremiah 1:8

The fact is that our "I'm only's" are _____, and we are _____ for God's mission.

3. God doesn't send the equipped; he _____ the sent.
Jeremiah 1:9,10

God _____ us in the moment for the moment.

"We can be confident, then, that the Lord will give us a sufficient amount of grace to handle whatever comes our way, whenever it comes our way—and not necessarily a moment before!" (John Lennox)

Family Discussion Questions:

1. Why is it important for our family to fix our focus on God instead of ourselves as we attempt to live on mission for Him?
2. What kinds of obstacles does our family face in being messengers of the gospel?
3. How does the way our family looks at one another and others change when we recognize God has truly formed us?

CHRIST CONNECTION

Jeremiah's love for his people was so great that he often delivered God's message in tears, to the point that he is known as the "weeping prophet." In Jeremiah's grief, we see a picture of the tender heart of God, most fully expressed in Jesus' weeping for the people of Jerusalem who would not repent.

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

1. Looking back over your notes from this week's sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. When have you felt unequipped to do something you had been asked to do?
3. Read Jeremiah 1:4-5. This passage, and many others like it, speak to the sanctity of human life in the womb. How can we as believers speak to the sanctity of human life while being sensitive to the fact that there are people in our church (and maybe even in your small group) who have had an abortion? (Keep politics and policy out of this discussion.)

BIG PICTURE QUESTION

Why should we obey God?