

Wednesday

Read: Jeremiah 1:6 *Jeremiah protests*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *Have you ever felt you were too old/young/inexperienced—out of your depth with something God seems ask of you?*
2. *Do you do well when you're less prepared? What helps you get through such times?*

Prayer Focus Listening God, hear our fears. We're just ordinary people, not heroes of the faith. Yet we know we're yours and that we're created in your loving and listening image. Help us face our fears for the sake of the love you show us daily and extend the same love to others.

Thursday

Read: Jeremiah 1:7 *God's orders*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *How does it feel to know God believes in you, no matter what?*
2. *Have you known a young person who speaks up for God? How did you respond?*

Prayer Focus We give you thanks, God, for being our rock. We are glad you understand and care about our fears. But we also know you're with us, your Holy Spirit is with us, the words of your son are with us, always. Help us trust in your strength.

Friday

Read: Jeremiah 1:8 *God's reassurance*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *What are your fears when you think of stepping out to speak? Whom do you fear most?*
2. *What might be your first step to hear and answer God's call this week?*

Prayer Focus God, be our guide and protector today and always. We stand ready to believe that you've created us for a reason and that we can live out your call to be your light in our world, wherever that may lead.

I Am With You

Pastor's message: Jeremiah 1:4-8

Message Notes:

Small Group Format

Welcome

- Introductions/getting acquainted
- Mutual Invitation question: *Briefly: how do you respond to a challenge?*

Opening Prayer

Song (optional)

Reflection on Scripture

Have someone read: **Jeremiah 1:4-8**

Discuss observations about the text

- *What word or phrase strikes you the most?*
- *What do you think is the most important point of the text?*

Application of Scripture (The central transformative questions)

- What did you hear God say to you through this week's Scriptures?
- What are you doing about it?
- How can we support you?

Share your faith (in groups of 3)

- *How have you experienced God recently in your life?* (This is a weekly question - it may be difficult to answer at first, but if you ask it each week you may start to notice God more in your life.)

Pray for each other

Refreshments (optional)



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Monday

Read: Jeremiah 1:4-5 *God calls Jeremiah*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *Why does God's message begin with God's knowledge of Jeremiah?*
2. *What does it mean to know God has known and chosen each of us from the very beginning?*

Prayer Focus Only you can say you know us inside and out, God. Sometimes it feels we don't even know ourselves! To be known as someone who is special to the Creator of All, just as we are, fills us with wonder and with joy.

Tuesday

Read: Jeremiah 1:5b *Jeremiah's commission*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *Why did God want Jeremiah to speak to the nations, and not just his own people?*
2. *Do you think God needs you, specifically, to be a messenger?*

Prayer Focus God of all the prophets, we don't know if you're calling us to speak to all the world, but we do know you're calling to our hearts as your children. It's not always easy to see what you want or to know how to witness for you. Help us to hear your voice speaking in our day-to-day world.