

Life Group Discussion Guide: The Charge of God

Scripture Focus: Jeremiah 15:15–16:21

Core Theme: Finding strength in God's sustaining Word when His charge feels heavy or isolating.

Ice Breakers: Getting Started

- When you need to "recharge," do you prefer a crowded room or total solitude?
 - What is the most unusual or "strangest" meal you have ever eaten?
 - What is a physical object you own that reminds you of a specific answered prayer?
 - If you were stranded on an island, what three books (besides the Bible) would you want with you?
 - **In:** What is something that the group doesn't know about you yet?
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UP: Knowing Jesus Intimately

1. Jeremiah says, "Your words were found, and I ate them... your words became to me a joy" (15:16). What is something you have been learning about God lately that has "fed" your soul?
 2. Following God's charge sometimes led Jeremiah to "sit alone" (15:17). What has this revealed about you and your willingness to stand alone for your faith?
 3. In 16:19, Jeremiah calls God his "strength and stronghold." What is a small step you can take towards obedience in making Him your stronghold this week?
 4. Life Groups are not just Bible studies, but we study to know Jesus as revealed in Scripture. How does Jeremiah's "eating" of the Word change your view of daily Bible study?
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IN: Being Known Authentically

1. God gave Jeremiah a charge that included personal sacrifice. What is something currently heavy on your heart that this group can support you in?
 2. How can we as a group ensure no one has to "mourn alone" (16:5) this week?
 3. God designed us as communal beings. How can we better "do life" together to sustain one another when the "charge of God" feels difficult?
 4. What is something that you are currently celebrating or finding joy in despite life's challenges?
 5. How can we pray for those in our group who feel isolated in their families or workplaces because of their faith?
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OUT: Making Jesus Known Practically

1. Jeremiah 16:16 speaks of God "sending for many fishers." Who is one person you would love to be able to share the hope of Jesus with?
2. If we only focus on ourselves we become a highly internal tribe. How can we look out to our neighbors this week?
3. "The Charge of God" includes making disciples of all nations. Who is someone the Lord brings to mind when you think about sharing your faith?
4. How might you get to know the needs and prayer requests of your neighbors who may feel isolated or lonely?
5. How are we living out the restorative hope of Jeremiah 16:21 in our workplaces or community right now?