

Life Group Discussion Guide

Scripture Focus: Jeremiah 18:18 – 20:13

Ice Breakers: Getting Started

- What is the most physically or emotionally draining task you have ever completed?
 - If you are in a conflict, are you more likely to speak your mind immediately or process it in silence first?
 - What is one "win" or celebration in your life right now, despite any stress you might be feeling?
 - Jeremiah speaks of a "burning fire" in his bones; what is something you are incredibly passionate about?
 - **In:** What is something that the group doesn't know about you yet?
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UP: Knowing Jesus Intimately

Focus: Our vertical relationship with God and growing in it as a group.

1. Jeremiah cries out to God about the "plots" against him (18:18). What does this reveal about your freedom to bring your rawest frustrations to God in prayer?
 2. In 20:9, Jeremiah tries to stop speaking God's Word, but it becomes a "burning fire shut up in my bones." What have you been learning about God's Word lately that compels you to keep going?
 3. Jeremiah calls the Lord a "mighty warrior" who is with him (20:11). How does knowing Jesus as your defender help you grow in an intimate relationship with Him?
 4. What is something you're pretty sure God has asked you to do that feels "heavy" or difficult right now, yet it still needs to be done?
 5. What's a small step you can take towards obedience this week, even if you feel tired or discouraged?
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IN: Being Known Authentically

Focus: Intentional friendships and "doing life" together because God designed us for community.

1. Jeremiah felt mocked and "a laughingstock all the day" (20:7). What is something currently heavy on your heart regarding how you are perceived by others?
 2. How can we better support one another when we face opposition for our faith?
 3. When Jeremiah suffered, he felt isolated. How can we ensure our group time includes praying together in a way that truly cures loneliness?
 4. What is a "burden" you are carrying that the group can help you lift this week?
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OUT: Making Jesus Known Practically

Focus: Consistently looking out to neighbors and friends to make the "rubber hit the road".

1. Jeremiah suffered because he was making God known to his nation. Who is one person you would love to share the hope of Jesus with, despite the potential for rejection?
2. How can we look "OUT" to neighbors who are currently suffering or in pain?
3. Who is someone the Lord brings to mind when you think about sharing your faith—perhaps someone who is currently going through a hard time?
4. How might you get to know the needs and prayer requests of your neighbors so you can serve them practically this week?