

Argyle LifeGroup Discussion
A Study in Jeremiah: Standing Tall, Part 6
Pray

1. Probably, the only thing worse than having to go through punishment, is to go through it and not learn anything. Discuss.
2. Read Jeremiah 40:1-3
Even though Jeremiah's own people would never accept the truth about their judgment, Nebuzaradan, the pagan captain of the guards, knew exactly what was going on. How should that make God's people feel?
3. Read Jeremiah 40:4-6
Jeremiah made tough choices at the beginning and the end of his ministry. What does this say about the heart of Jeremiah?
4. Even severe punishment, like what Babylon brought on Judah did not change their heart. A heart can only truly be changed from the inside out. Discuss.
5. Read Jeremiah 40:13-16
Why do you think Gedaliah would not listen to the warning from Johanan?
6. Read Jeremiah 41:1-10
How was it possible for Gedaliah to have misjudged someone who was as brutal and deceptive as Ishmael?
7. Read Jeremiah 41:17
God had spoken through both Gedaliah and Jeremiah warning the Jews to stay in the land and not go to Egypt. Why can't anyone just trust and obey God?
8. Read Jeremiah 42:1-6
Their request to Jeremiah sounded spiritual, but their heart was not sincere. They had already made up their mind to go to Egypt and they were hoping Jeremiah would agree with them. Sometimes church people will use this false method to find the will of God. Instead of honestly seeking God's will, they go from counselor to counselor, asking for advice, until they find somebody who will agree with their hidden agenda. Discuss.
9. "Jeremiah gave them a promise." Read Jeremiah 42:7-12
10. "Jeremiah gave them a warning." Read Jeremiah 42:13-18
11. "Jeremiah told them what was really in their heart." Read Jeremiah 19-22
What part of chapter 42 could they not understand????
12. So here's bottom line number 1: "Be very careful as you seek God's will."
Your heart must be sincere. Make sure you are seeking God's will and not your will. Church people love to use the phrase "God told me to." Read Exodus 20:7
13. Bottom line number 2: "To obey is better than sacrifice." Read 1 Samuel 15:22
"What is God asking you to do?"