



Notes for further study

29th October 2017

Jeremiah 1 v 1-10; 17-18

Responsiveness and Dependence on God.

1. Jeremiah's response shows that he has a relationship with God. How would you describe your own relationship? What things get in the way? What things improve your relationship with God?
2. Do you believe you have a calling from God? V5 says "I chose you," "I appointed you". How can we know what God wants us to do? Perhaps it would be appropriate to spend some time praying for each other.
3. Jeremiah calls God "Sovereign Lord". What does this mean? How does this affect your relationship with him?
4. Jeremiah gives God excuses as to why he is not adequate for the task God is giving him. Can you think of any other examples in the Bible of people who initially shrank from God's calling on their lives? (examples might include Moses, Jonah, Esther)
5. What underlying reasons might there be for not obeying God? "I can't do this because ..." How can we counter negative thoughts or the influence of Satan?
6. God makes several statements in this passage to encourage Jeremiah and give him confidence. What does he promise? How might each example have helped Jeremiah?
7. Although Jeremiah was obedient to God, he faced a life of ridicule, anger and life-threatening situations. How can we stay true when the tough times come? Spend some time praying for each other.