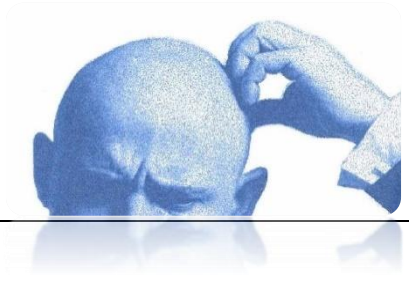


EXILES – Prophecy

Small Group Questions



*The following questions are intended to start conversations.
Use only the ones your group finds helpful. Explore others as they come up.*

Our preaching series this fall will explore the book of Jeremiah (Exiles). A set of questions will be provided each week to help you think about these stories BEFORE you listen to the sermon. It is our hope that this will encourage your own study and prepare you for the upcoming series.

- When you hear the word “prophecy,” what do you think it means? How is biblical prophecy different from predicting the future? Or is it different?
- What is the function of a prophet in the Old Testament?
- Read **Jeremiah 1:1-19**. What stands out in this text?
- How does God's call to Jeremiah challenge common assumptions about age, ability, or readiness to serve? How can it inform our understanding of personal calling or purpose today?
- What is the significance of the two visions in verses 11-14? What do these images symbolize and how do they relate to Jeremiah's message and mission?
- Who was Jeremiah's primary audience? What does this tell us about the purpose of his message and prophecies?
- Given that Old Testament prophets almost always addressed a particular time in history, what do you know about Jeremiah's time? How would knowing some basic knowledge of this time help your reading and understanding of Jeremiah? (see Bible Dictionary handout and BibleProject video on Sermons +)
- Are there still prophets in our time? If so, how would we recognize them?