
THE LORD'S PROMISED MESSIAH: Isaiah 61:1-11**CREATE INTEREST**

Question: What is the best news you have received during a difficult season?

STUDY THE BIBLE

Isaiah 61:1-3

Read Aloud: Have someone read Isaiah 61:1-3.

Discussion: What actions does the anointed one say the Lord has sent him to do in these verses?

Where do you most need the Lord's healing or comfort right now?

Why do you think the passage moves from rescue to beauty, joy, and righteousness?

Isaiah 61:4-7

Read Aloud: Have someone read Isaiah 61:4-7.

Discussion: What picture of restoration is described in verses 4-7?

What ruined area of your life, family, or community needs rebuilding through God's power?

How do the promise of a restored people in these verses shape the way we think about God's justice and mercy together?

Isaiah 61:8-11

Read Aloud: Have someone read aloud Isaiah 61:8-11.

Discussion: What does the Lord say he loves and hates in verse 8?

How should God's love for justice affect the way believers speak and act this week?

Why are salvation and righteousness described like garments and sprouts?

CONNECT TO CHRIST (APPLY GOD'S WORD)

Discussion: How does our passage this week point to Jesus?

Application: Choose one of the following ways to apply the study to your life this week:

Receive Christ's freedom by trusting Him with guilt, shame, and sorrow, daily through confession, prayer, and community sharing burdens and embracing forgiveness and peace.

Reflect his justice by treating people with fairness and compassion in interactions, advocating for the vulnerable, speaking truth with grace, and practicing patience.

Join his restoration by serving broken places with gospel hope through prayer, sacrificial giving, mentoring, and building relationships to meet spiritual needs.

PRAYER TIME

CHOSEN AND EQUIPPED: Jeremiah 1:4-19**CREATE INTEREST**

Question: When have you been asked to do something you felt unqualified to do?

STUDY THE BIBLE**Jeremiah 1:4-10**

Read Aloud: Have someone read Jeremiah 1:4-10.

Discussion: What did God say about Jeremiah before he was born?

Where do you need to stop saying, “I am too young” or “I am not enough”?

Why do you think God used both tearing down and building up language for Jeremiah’s mission?

Jeremiah 1:11-16

Read Aloud: Have someone read Jeremiah 1:11-16.

Discussion:

What were the two visions God showed Jeremiah?

How should God’s watchfulness change the way we respond to His warnings?

What does the boiling pot reveal about the consequences of Judah’s idolatry?

Jeremiah 1:17-19

Read Aloud: Have someone read aloud Jeremiah 1:17-19.

Discussion: What did God command Jeremiah to do before the people?

What would bold obedience look like for you in a difficult conversation this week?

Why is God’s promise to be with Jeremiah essential in a hostile setting?

CONNECT TO CHRIST (APPLY GOD’S WORD)

Discussion: How does our passage this week point to Jesus?

Application: Choose one of the following ways to apply the study to your life this week:

Trust God's call and take one intentional step of obedience in an area where you feel unqualified trusting that God has called and equipped you.

Speak God's truth clearly and kindly in at least one situation where you might normally hold back, choosing faith over fear of others' reactions.

Remember God's presence by journaling daily, reminding yourself that He is with you and greater than your limitations, especially when you feel uncertain or inadequate.

PRAYER TIME

COURAGE THAT COSTS: Jeremiah 37:1-5; 11-21**CREATE INTEREST**

Question: Have you ever stood by a decision that others thought was foolish?

STUDY THE BIBLE**Jeremiah 37:1-5**

Read Aloud: Have someone read Jeremiah 37:1-5.

Discussion: What did Zedekiah and the people do with Jeremiah's message?

Where are you tempted to trust human solutions more than God's word?

Why is ignoring God's word more dangerous than military pressure?

Jeremiah 37:11-16

Read Aloud: Have someone read Jeremiah 37:11-15.

Discussion: What false accusation was made against Jeremiah?

How should believers respond when they are misunderstood because of their faithfulness?

What does Jeremiah's imprisonment reveal about Judah's leaders?

Jeremiah 37:16-21

Read Aloud: Have someone read aloud Jeremiah 37:16-21.

Discussion: What did Zedekiah secretly ask Jeremiah?

When have you wanted God's guidance but not given him your obedience?

How does Jeremiah's treatment prepare us to understand Jesus' suffering?

CONNECT TO CHRIST (APPLY GOD'S WORD)

Discussion: How does our passage this week point to Jesus?

Application: Choose one of the following ways to apply the study to your life this week:

Choose truth over comfort when the two conflict. Pause, name truth, speak gently, practice Scripture daily, and build habits of honest words and clear boundaries.

Refuse silence, God's Word is greater than pleasing others. Speak truth naturally, memorize Scripture, start small, choose faithfulness, and trust God with others' responses.

Trust God to sustain you when obedience brings opposition. Pray quickly, release outcomes, remember his faithfulness, stay in community, and choose obedience.

PRAYER TIME

A NATION'S WAKE-UP CALL: Lamentations 1:1-11**CREATE INTEREST**

Question: What is a wake-up call in life that people often ignore until it is too late?

STUDY THE BIBLE**Lamentations 1:1-4**

Read Aloud: Have someone read Lamentations 1:1-4.

Discussion: How is Jerusalem, "the city", described at the beginning of the chapter?

What does this passage teach us about the cost of ignored warnings?

Why does the poem emphasize the city's isolation so strongly?

Lamentations 1:5-8

Read Aloud: Have someone or a few people read Lamentations 1:5-8.

Discussion: According to these verses, why has Jerusalem suffered?

Where might you be tempted to minimize sin instead of grieving it?

What is the significance of Jerusalem remembering her former glory?

Lamentations 1:9-11

Read Aloud: Have someone read aloud Lamentations 1:9-11.

Discussion: What does the city ask the Lord to do in these verses?

How should believers bring grief and regret to God today?

Why is the image of traded valuables important in the chapter's message?

CONNECT TO CHRIST (APPLY GOD'S WORD)

Discussion: How does our passage this week point to Jesus?

Application: Choose one of the following ways to apply the study to your life this week:

Grieve sin instead of excusing it. Confess specifically, sit in conviction, write a repentance prayer, and turn quickly toward obedience and accountability.

Honestly lament to God in prayer. Pray raw Psalms, name pain without filtering, journal honestly, and sit quietly, letting God meet you there.

Let loss drive you back to the Lord, not away from Him. Return to Scripture daily, worship through sorrow, stay in community, and rehearse God's promises.

PRAYER TIME