

THE LORD IS OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS

I have good news. Jesus is the answer to our greatest need - salvation. We cannot accomplish it on our own. The book of Jeremiah is full of stern warnings of what will happen if his people continue to turn from God's commands. He has challenged who and what they are following by declaring the heart is wicked and cannot be trusted. He has cursed anyone who trusts in man and turns away from the Lord. The outlook seems bleak. Yet there are fragments of hope and a promise of a future. God promises blessing to those who trust in the Lord and salvation to those who follow him. God says that this salvation will come by a righteous Branch and will be called The Lord is our righteousness. That is Jesus! He was the hope of Israel and he is our hope.

Jeremiah 11-13; 2 Corinthians 12

Jeremiah 14-16; Psalm 76; 2 Cor 13

Jeremiah 17-20; James 1

Jeremiah 22,23,26; Psalm 77; James 2

Jeremiah 25,35,36,45; Psalm 133; James 3

Every week, you'll see the same five content questions. Use them as a guide as you read the scriptures. Pray for consistency in your Bible reading.

1. Who are the main characters in this text and is there anyone you can relate to?
2. Is there anything from this text that we are to do (obey, believe, heed or follow)?
3. What do you learn about God in these chapters and how has that changed what you believe about Him?
4. What do these passages reveal about human nature, sin and our need for God?
5. What's the Good News found in this text?

Every week, you'll see five unique application questions. Use them to help live out what you're learning in scripture. Pray for life transformation.

1. How do you allow your weaknesses to show God's strength?
2. Do you believe that God's grace is sufficient and when have you experienced this?
3. Which is more likely: you follow your heart or you follow the Lord? Which comes easier for you and what does that reveal about you?
4. How difficult is it to control your tongue? Do you spend more time blessing or cursing?
5. How do you prevent jealousy and selfish ambition from taking root in your heart?

When doubts arise and fears creep in, remember that the Lord is near and He is mighty to save. He is our righteousness and that is good news!