

Group 1

Jeremiah 1:4-6

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The Call of Jeremiah

4 The word of the LORD came to me, saying,
5 “Before I formed you in the womb I knew[a] you,
before you were born I set you apart;
I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.”

6 “Alas, Sovereign LORD,” I said, “I do not know how to speak; I am too young.”

- Verse 4: What TWO WAYS could you interpret this verse (hint: also see verse 9)?
- God revealed to Jeremiah His plans for him
- Verse 4: How does the "word of the LORD" come to you and me today?
- Verse 5: When did God say he knew Jeremiah?
- Before he was born.
- Verse 5: What does "knew" mean?
- Verse 6: What are the typical reasons we give when we argue with God about something he's called us to do?
- Verse 6: In light of God's power, why do our arguments seem silly?

Group 2

Jeremiah 1:7-10

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7 But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am too young.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. 8 Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the LORD.

9 Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, "I have put my words in your mouth. 10 See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant."

- Verse 7: How did God REFUTE Jeremiah's protest?
- Verse 7: Jeremiah said he was too young. Someone with a study Bible...how old do scholars think he was?
- Moses protested God's call too, how was his protest compared to Jeremiah's?
- Verse 8: What does this verse say about what Jeremiah will be facing?

Group 3

- Someone in the group look up these verses and read them to the group. Also, be ready to read to the whole class (feel free to divide them up among several people if you like):
- Hebrews 13:5b and 13:6
- 1 Chronicles 28:20
- Psalms 37:25
- Isaiah 10:17
- Verse 9: What does this verse say about how God helps us carry out our calling.
- Verse 10: Why do you often have to "uproot" or "tear down" before you "build up"?

Group 4

Jeremiah 1:17-19

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17 “Get yourself ready! Stand up and say to them whatever I command you. Do not be terrified by them, or I will terrify you before them. 18 Today I have made you a fortified city, an iron pillar and a bronze wall to stand against the whole land—against the kings of Judah, its officials, its priests and the people of the land. 19 They will fight against you but will not overcome you, for I am with you and will rescue you,” declares the LORD.

- Verse 17: In YOUR WORDS, How is God BRINGING THIS DIALOG WITH JEREMIAH to a close?
- What does the second part of Verse 17 mean?
- Verses 18 and 19: What do these verses tell you about what Jeremiah was facing?
- Verses 18 and 19: What do these verses say to you about how God will equip us for our calling