

# Home Group Questions

the week of 4/28/2019

Jeremiah 2:9-13

## STOP PURSUING WHAT'S BROKEN

### GETTING STARTED...

This past Sunday, Pastor Mel continued his series on "Ordinary Superheroes of the O.T." Pastor Mel taught on Jeremiah and his message concerning the importance of finding our fulfillment in the Lord, and not allowing the cares of this world, or "busyness," or our own fleshly desires to lead us down paths of emptiness in our lives.

### LOOKING IN THE WORD...

**1. Read Jeremiah 2:1-13.** What is the complaint of God here against the people of Jerusalem? What did the priests do wrong in the handling of the complaints of God's people? What were the two evils that God describes in verse 13, and how do they relate to our lives? In modern terms, what is the equivalent of digging broken cisterns in our modern day lives? Talk about the steps we can take to correct this situation.

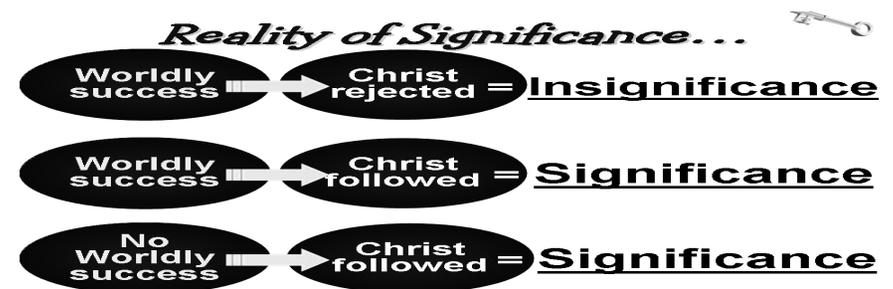
**2. Read Luke 9:18-27.** Jesus asks the disciples about the opinions of others regarding His identity, then He turns the question on them in verse 20 and Peter gives an "A+" answer. Jeremiah declared, in essence, that the Jews were looking for satisfaction and fulfillment in all the wrong places...in fact broken places. Discuss the implications of various interpretations of who Jesus is, and how your opinion of Jesus will impact your pursuit of success, and what it means in your daily priorities when seeking fulfillment in your life.

**3.** Jesus gives a plan for following Him in verse 23: "If anyone

would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." What does that command mean to you in your walk with Christ? Give some real life examples of "denying yourself" and "taking up your cross" and what that may entail.

- When Jesus talks about "losing" and "saving" your life, what does that mean? What are some specific ways in which can "lose" our life for Christ?

**4. Read Proverbs 3:1-7.** Solomon outlines some clear principles in this passage about what success in God's eyes is all about. Read the passage together and develop some principles that would assist a believer in leading a successful life. Talk about why a life lived according to God's design produces significance, as indicated in the chart below:



**5. Read Philipians 3:1-8.** Paul was climbing the wrong ladder of success and realized it after encountering Jesus on the road to Damascus. Draw some principles of success from this passage, and share how Paul's priorities changed after coming to faith in Christ.

### MOVING FORWARD...

As you close in prayer, consider things in your life that are distracting you from pursuing the things of the Lord. Pray about prioritizing your life around the importance of really knowing Christ experientially in your "day to day" lives.