

Discussion Guide – Jeremiah 36

Read Jeremiah 36:1-3

1. According to the passage, what specific instruction does God give Jeremiah, and why?
 - a. What two responses was God hoping to see from the people?
2. Given what we've learned about the historical background of Jeremiah, do you think the Judeans were more likely to view these warnings with judgement or mercy? How would this mindset ultimately shape their actions?
3. While Jeremiah agreed to write all of his prophecies, what concerns might he have had? (*Think about the leadership of Judah throughout Jeremiah's prophetic ministry*).

Read Jeremiah 36:4-8

1. Why was Jeremiah unable to go to the temple himself?
2. What is significant about partnership in God's work?

Read Jeremiah 36:9-10

1. The Judeans participated in a nationwide fast in hopes that the Lord would relent and turn away from destruction. Was this a genuine act of repentance? Make a case for and against the authenticity of this response.
2. Suppose the Judeans fasted *and* repented of their sins. What would repentance look like? How would God respond?

Read Jeremiah 26:11-12

1. As soon as Micaiah heard Jeremiah's prophecies read aloud, he shared them with the king's officials. Have you ever heard a truth from Scripture that immediately compelled you to take action? What happened?
2. What does Micaiah's response teach us about the responsibility that comes with hearing God's Word?

Read Jeremiah 36:15-19

1. The Hebrew word for fear used in this passage, פָּחַד (*pa.chad*), indicates a sense of dread, reverence, and awe. What does it mean to "fear the Lord" in a biblical sense?
2. How does fear sometimes prepare people to take God's warnings seriously?

Read Jeremiah 26:20-23

1. Throughout Jeremiah 36 we see different responses to God's Word:
Jeremiah proclaims it.
Baruch records and reads it.
Micaiah carries it.
The officials hear it.
The king rejects it.

What does each response reveal about the person's relationship with God?

2. What is the source of King Jehoiakim's defiance against Jeremiah's messages?

Read Jeremiah 36:24-26

1. What is usually your first response when God's Word confronts an area of your life?
2. How can you cultivate a softer heart toward correction from God's Word?

Prayer Prompts:

- Ask God to guard your heart from pride and self-reliance.
- Ask God to reveal sin and produce genuine heart change.
- Pray for courage to share God's truth with others.
- Pray for those resisting God's Word to turn to Him in faith and repentance.
- Pray for a deeper love for God's Word and His presence.