



Read Jeremiah 20 : 1 - 2 and 7 - 10

It seems that the people were tired of hearing Jeremiah's "same old message" [impending destruction]. He was becoming an annoyance and people no longer believed his vision as it had taken so long. They were beating him up over it.

Q : What is it like when you share a dream or something in your heart and people knock it or are cold to it?

Q : What does this tell us about who, when, and how often we should share those dreams that are in our hearts with others?

As believers we proclaim the end of the world and the return of Christ even though it was 2000 years ago that Jesus gave these prophecies.

Q : How, in your experience, do people react or respond to this truth when you talk about it? Do you talk about it much? Why or Why not?

Q : Why is it important to not let this truth go to the back burner? Why is it important to not let this truth be all we talk about?

Read Jeremiah 20 : 11 - 13 AND COMPARE to Jeremiah 20 : 14 - 18

These two are two, diametrically opposed responses by Jeremiah to adversity.

Q : What do you notice are the differences? Are there any similarities at all? How does it even seem possible that it is the same person and can you relate to these responses?

Q : What does this tell you about how we read the Bible? When do we read it literally versus understanding context, genre of literature, and the human element versus the God element?

Lets zero in on verses 11 - 13.

This response is when Jeremiah has firmly put his feet on Jesus.

Q : Can you identify the five things that happen to Jeremiah when he finds himself "in Christ"?

Q : We have to "strive to enter his rest" according to the writer of Hebrews. What does that mean to you?