

### LESSON 3

## *Jeremiah 7-10*

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#### Day 1

1. What message in Jeremiah from last week's lesson stands out most clearly to you?
2. a) What did God ask for beyond correctness in worship (7:3-7)? (See Isa 58:5-7.)  
b) What implications are there in that message for Christians and Christian worship? (See Matt 25:40; Jas 2:15-17.)
3. In what ways does your faith community express God's concern for the well-being of the alien, the orphan, the widow, and others in need (7:6)?

#### Day 2

4. What were the major historical events at Shiloh that are referred to in 7:12? (See Josh 18:1; 2 Kgs 17:6-12; Ps 78:58-60.)
5. God forbids Jeremiah from interceding on behalf of his people in 7:16. What are some notable examples and situations in Scripture of prophetic figures interceding for others? (See Gen 18:17-33; Exod 32:7-14; 1 Kgs 13:1-6; John 17:6-12.)
6. How was "the Queen of Heaven" apparently worshiped (7:18)?

#### Day 3

7. How does Psalm 95:6-7 echo the claims of Jeremiah 7:22-26?
8. How are the migratory patterns of birds used as a prophetic message to Judah (8:7)?
9. Why is having God's word not enough to make one wise (8:8-9)? (See Ps 111:10; Matt 23:2-3; Luke 20:46.)

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#### Day 4

10. Many people feel that we live in a violent society. When have you heard voices in modern society that might be glossing over violent ills (saying "Peace, peace!" [8:11-12])?
11. What events of Israel's wilderness experience following the exodus are turned on their head by Jeremiah 8:13-17? (See Exod 16:12-31; Num 20:5-11; 21:4-9.)
12. When have you wept in sorrow over the plight of others (8:21-23)?

#### Day 5

13. Recall how Jacob acquired his reputation as a "supplanter" (9:3). (See Gen 25:20-34; 27:1-40.)
14. Jeremiah 9:3-7 provides a grim picture of neighborly relations. How would you describe your relationship with your neighbors? (See Lev 19:18; Luke 10:25-37.)
15. a) What are some things you take pride in?  
b) Jeremiah 9:22-23 warns against boasting. Is it boasting if someone humbly acknowledges that their gifts and talents come from God?

#### Day 6

16. How is sensing God's presence in nature different from the idolatry Jeremiah describes? (See 10:8-10.)
17. In a world that often claims to be secular (without religion), in what ways might we still be accused of fashioning our own idols (10:14)? (See Phil 3:19; Col 3:5.)
18. What feelings does Jeremiah's prayer in 10:23-25 reveal about his own response to the prophetic oracles he has delivered against Judah? (See 7:16.)