

DIRECT MESSAGE – Week 2 Small Group Guide

“Broken Cisterns”

Jeremiah 2:4-13

Opening Icebreakers

1. What’s something you were convinced would make you happy, but the excitement wore off pretty quickly?
2. If you could instantly become an expert at one skill, what would it be?

Digging Into Scripture

3. Read Jeremiah 2:4–13 together.
4. Early in the passage, God asks, *“What fault did your ancestors find in me?”* Why do you think God asks that question? What does it reveal about His heart toward His people?
5. The sermon pointed out that God isn't yelling at people He hates but grieving over people He loves. How does that change the way you hear this message?
6. What are some examples of "idols" people chase today? How would you define an idol in your own words?
7. Verse 6 says the people stopped asking, *“Where is the Lord?”* What do you think happened in their hearts before they stopped seeking Him?
8. Why do you think God calls Himself *“the spring of living water”* and compares everything else to broken cisterns? What makes that picture so powerful?

Personal Reflection & Application

9. The sermon said, *“The problem isn't that we're thirsty. The problem is where we go to drink.”* What do you think people most commonly look to for satisfaction today?
10. Have you ever chased something you thought would satisfy you only to discover it didn't? What did you learn from that experience?
11. When life gets stressful, where do you naturally look for comfort, security, or fulfillment?

Living It Out

12. What is one "broken cistern" that competes for your attention and affection?
13. What practical step can you take this week to seek the Lord first instead of looking somewhere else for satisfaction?
14. How can you build a habit of asking, *“Where is the Lord?”* throughout your week?
15. Who in your life needs to hear that true satisfaction is found in Jesus rather than in success, possessions, or achievements?

Prayer Time

Pray that God would:

- Reveal any idols competing for first place in your heart.
- Help you recognize the things that cannot truly satisfy.
- Deepen your dependence on Jesus.
- Protect you from slowly drifting away from Him.
- Give you a greater hunger for the living water only He can provide.