

LIFE GROUPS

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

COMMENTARY: Jeremiah 45:1 jumps back many years from Jeremiah 44 chronologically, to the time of Jeremiah 36:1, “in the fourth year of Jehoiakim son of Josiah king of Judah.” In chapter 36, Baruch went to read the words of the Lord through Jeremiah to the people in the temple. Then the king was read the words and burned the entire scroll piece-by-piece in the fire. Jeremiah and Baruch had to flee for their lives. Imagine Baruch’s frustration, fear and discouragement.

1. What do you complain about the most? Why do we feel we have the right to complain?
2. Read Jeremiah 45:1-3. How would you feel about your friend or boss telling you God had a message of rebuke for you?
3. Describe how Baruch felt (verse 3). When have you had similar feelings?
4. Read Jeremiah 45:4-5. What was the Lord’s message to Baruch? Do you think God’s words to Baruch were harsh? Why or why not?
5. Why do we naturally seek “great things” for ourselves? Why would God tell Baruch to not seek great things for himself?
6. Why is it hard to “deflect” ALL the glory to God, rather than trying to take at least some of the glory for ourselves?
7. Read Matthew 16:24-27. What does it look like for you to “carry your cross” today?
8. Compare and contrast the eternal destiny Christians receive versus the eternal destiny they deserve.
9. Read 1 Corinthians 4:7. Where did every blessing in your life ultimately come from? Why do we like to boast about our accomplishments and blessings rather than humbly giving thanks to God?
10. Read Hebrews 4:15-16. What encouragement do these verses bring you?
11. In what area of your life do you need to stop complaining? In what area of your life do you need to deflect the glory to God rather than trying to get glory for yourself?



Jeremiah: Fear-Less

Deflect

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