

Small Group Guide

"The Days Are Coming" | Jeremiah 30-31

Before You Meet

Encourage group members to read Jeremiah 30-31 before gathering. Ask them one thing about either the sermon or the two chapters that really stood out to them.

Key Takeaways

- God's love for His people is described as an everlasting love that predates all of creation and cannot be undone by human sin or failure.
 - Jesus fulfills the role of both the Davidic king and the priestly mediator, securing redemption through His own blood.
 - The new covenant God promises is not a repaired version of the old one but something entirely new, written on the heart rather than on stone.
 - Whatever circumstances we find ourselves in, we can trust in the hope of God's promises. "But all shall be well, and all shall be well, all manner of things shall be well."
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Discussion Questions

God's Desire for Restoration (Jeremiah 30:1-17)

1. The sermon pointed out that Israel had been chasing after "other lovers," things that could never pursue Israel back. What are some things in your own life you are tempted to pursue that can't offer anything real in return?
 2. The sermon described Romans 2:4, which teaches that God's kindness is meant to lead us to repentance. Biblically speaking, what does the Lord's discipline look like? What does it mean to remain in the Lord's discipline?
 3. Instead of pursuing other "gods," what does it look like for us to pursue God? What does it look like when God is pursuing us back?
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God's Promise of Restoration (Jeremiah 31:1-14)

1. Jeremiah 31:3 describes God's love towards Israel as everlasting, rooted in a time before time itself. How does this understanding give you confidence in God's character?
 2. God promises in this section that the blind, the lame, and even women in active labor will be gathered and brought home, and He calls this group a "great company." What does this tell you about who God includes in His restoration?
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God's Method of Restoration (Jeremiah 31:31-34)

1. God describes the new covenant as one written on the heart rather than on tablets of stone. What is the relationship between following God out of external obligation versus internal transformation? Where do you find yourself on that spectrum?
 2. The new covenant promises that God will forgive iniquity and remember sin no more. Is there a sin or failure in your past that you have had difficulty believing God has truly forgotten? How does this passage speak to that struggle?
 3. The sermon walked through how Jesus fulfills the role of a priestly ruler described in Jeremiah 30-31. How does understanding Jesus as both your king and your high priest deepen your appreciation for what He accomplished on the cross?
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God's Final Restoration (Jeremiah 31:35-40)

1. God points to the sun, moon, and stars as evidence that His promises to Israel are trustworthy. What are some moments with God in your own life that have demonstrated His faithfulness?
 2. Samuel, Pastor JP's son, was waiting with his glove on for his dad to come back. as a picture of trusting a father's promise. Do you find it difficult to hold onto any of our Heavenly Father's promises? Why or why not?
 3. The closing challenge was to "keep your glove on," to stay vigilant and keep watchful while trusting in Christ to return. What does that look like practically for you in this current season of life?
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Closing Prayer

Close your time together by praying as a group. Be sensitive to topics that came up during discussion.