

This Week

- Churchwide**
Worship Services
Sunday, 9:00–10:15 AM or 10:30–11:45 AM
Bible Fellowships
Sunday, 9:00–10:15 AM or 10:30–11:45 AM
The Christ Question Confirmed
Tuesday and Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM
in the Tejas Room
The Christ Question Confirmed Lunch
Wednesday, 12:00–1:00 PM at Luby’s Cafeteria
Limited seating, please register in advance

- Small Groups**
Community Groups
Sunday, 5:30–7:30 PM in various homes
Men
Samson Society
Thursday, 7:00–8:30 PM in the Library
5th & 6th Grade
End-of-Year Party
Wednesday, 6:30–7:30 PM in the Loft



As our Spring schedule begins to wind down, look for the Summer *Guide to Grace Church* to arrive in the next few weeks.

To get a head start, you can browse through the ministry pages and calendars on GraceChurch.com right now — there’s plenty of information available about our upcoming Summer classes and events!

This Morning

Lesson 1: The Call of Jeremiah—*Jeremiah 1:1–19*
Tom Rodgers, Lead Pastor

- I. His family background:** The Lord interrupted Jeremiah’s pathway to the priesthood by speaking to him over the course of the last five kings of Judah and until the time of the Babylonian deportation in 586 B.C.—*Jeremiah 1:1–3*.

II. His divine commission: The Lord revealed to Jeremiah that He had commissioned him in utero to serve as His international mouthpiece—*Jeremiah 1:4–5*.

III. His personal adequacy: Jeremiah was reassured that his feelings of inadequacy for the assignment would be overcome by God’s presence and promise of enablement—*Jeremiah 1:6–8*.

IV. His supernatural enablement: The Lord endowed Jeremiah with the prophetic message and ability to pronounce judgment and blessing to the nations—*Jeremiah 1:9–10*.

V. His visionary assurance: God provided Jeremiah with two visions to guarantee him that his prophetic pronouncements would be fulfilled—*Jeremiah 1:11–16*.

A. The vision of an almond branch: The vision of a blossoming almond branch signified that the Lord promised to watch over and usher in Jeremiah’s prophecies just as the almond tree watches over and ushers in Spring—*Jeremiah 1:11–12*.

B. The vision of a boiling pot: The vision of the boiling pot signified that God promised to send an enemy from the north to completely subjugate Judah for her persistent devotion to idolatry (cp. 39:1–3)—*Jeremiah 1:13–16*.

VI. His encouraging promise: The Lord charged Jeremiah to execute his prophetic ministry with the promise of invincibility against the relentless opposition of the people around him—*Jeremiah 1:17–19*.

Discussion

These questions are offered each week to facilitate further discussion of this morning’s topic in small group settings such as Community Groups or over dinner with family and friends. We hope you find them helpful to your spiritual growth.

1. Has the Lord ever interrupted your chosen career path or calling by redirecting you? What did that involve? What would be different about you had He not redirected you?

2. How does knowing that God has a personal plan for your life affect how you think about your personal strengths and weaknesses?

3. What keeps you from depending on the sufficiency of the Holy Spirit to accomplish the tasks the Lord has for you? See 2 Corinthians 3:4–6. What do you tend to substitute in place of Him?

4. Although Jeremiah was promised invincibility against the relentless opposition of the people around him, what does God promise us in relationship to the hostility against us?