

# Jeremiah 42:7-22

## The plea and the prophecy



Think about and discuss one or two questions from each section.

### The text – Jeremiah 42:7-22

1. Read Jeremiah 42:7-22. This passage commences with a phrase used more than 20 times in the book – “the word of the LORD came ...” This is a dynamic phrase! What is the word of the LORD? How does it come? Why does it come to Jeremiah?
2. In 42:7-22 we read the message of Jeremiah to the people. What is the main point Jeremiah makes to those who asked him to take their petition to the LORD?

### The Scriptures – Jeremiah 42:7-22 as a portion of the Scriptures

3. In 42:10 Jeremiah uses the images of “uprooting” and “planting”. What do these images mean? Also read and discuss their meaning in Jeremiah 1:9-10.
4. Jeremiah and the prophets are often called God’s servants (Jeremiah 26:5). In other OT books, the LORD speaks about his servant/s in ways that remind us of Jeremiah’s calling. Read and discuss God’s word concerning his servant in Isaiah 42:6-9.
5. In the teachings of Jesus, the word of the LORD continues to come to people. People receive God’s word in different ways. Read and discuss the parable of the sower in Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23.

### Our lives – walking the way of Jesus in response to Jeremiah 42:7-22 as a portion of the Scriptures

6. How does the word of the LORD come to you? To us? What are we to do when the word of the LORD comes to us?
7. How has this passage from Jeremiah, and the book of Jeremiah more generally, challenged you? How can we support you in prayer as you continue to live as a disciple of Jesus?

