

Jeremiah 45



The Text – Jeremiah 45

1. Read Jeremiah 36 again. What do we know of Baruch, Son of Neriah from this passage?
2. Read Jeremiah 45 and look back over our previous chapters. When does this story take place? Which chapter does it belong with chronologically? Why do you think it has been placed here?
3. Why do you think Baruch was so grieved, restless and sorrowful? What events in his life might have caused this?
4. In verse 4 and 5, what do we learn about Baruch's own desires for his life?
5. How did Baruch's desires contrast with God's plans for his life?
6. What does God promise to Baruch? Do you find this comforting?
7. The word, 'escape' in verse 5 is actually a word that means 'plunder.' It reads, 'I will give to you your life as plunder.' How does this change the feel of this verse?

The Scriptures – Jeremiah 45 as a portion of the Scriptures

1. Read Ecclesiastes 3:1-8. What might these words of Ecclesiastes say to Baruch in his situation?
2. Read John 1:1-14. God's word is central to the book of Jeremiah. What does it mean for Jesus to be the Word become flesh?
3. Read Matthew 10:32-38. How does Jesus, as God's Word become flesh, continue to uproot and plant?

Our lives – walking the way of Jesus in response to Jeremiah 45 as a portion of the Scriptures

1. In what ways can you relate to the experience of Baruch?
2. When have you experienced times of uprooting? How has this made you feel?
3. What new things has God been planting in your life that you would like to celebrate?