



# **Adult and Teen Life Groups Conferencing Guide**

SERMON DATE: 4/24/2022  
DISCUSSION DATE: 5/1/2022  
TEXT: JEREMIAH 7 & 8

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## **A MESSAGE TO RELIGIOUS SINNERS**

- I. THE WORSHIP OF RELIGIOUS SINNERS DOES THEM NO GOOD (7:1-4)
- II. THE PRAYERS OF RELIGIOUS SINNERS DOES THEM NO GOOD (7:16)
- III. THE SACRIFICE OF RELIGIOUS SINNERS DOES THEM NO GOOD (7:21-23)
- IV. THE SIN OF RELIGIOUS SINNERS CONDEMNS THEM (8:4-12)
  - A. They refused to repent (8:4-7)
  - B. They rejected God's Word (8:9)
  - C. They relied on false security (8:11)
- V. THE SIN OF RELIGIOUS SINNERS LEADS TO JUDGMENT (8:13, 16, 20)
  - A. Their fields would be ruined
  - B. Their cities would be destroyed
  - C. They would be killed or taken captive

## FOR CONFERENCING

1. **Read Jeremiah 7:1-4.** While the people went to the temple to celebrate the feasts and worship, what was Jeremiah doing? When Jeremiah said in verse 4, *Do not trust in these lying words, saying, 'The temple of the LORD are these'* he is trying to get them to understand that they trusted in the wrong thing. What was their misplaced trust in? Does attending worship guarantee true worship? Does practicing outward acts of piety, guarantee one is right with and pleasing God? What other outward acts might “religious” people do today that they think makes them spiritual?
  
2. **Read Jeremiah 7:9-11.** Does attending church on Sunday make up for all the sins committed Monday through Saturday? If one repents of sin on Sunday, what will their life look like on Monday through Saturday? What does the prophet mean when he says this house has become a den of thieves? (See also Matthew 21:13)
  
3. **Read 7:16.** Why did God tell the prophet not to pray for the rebellious and unrepentant people?
  
4. **Read 7:21-23.** What does God truly desire from His people. What does God think of those who go through the outward motions of worship while their hearts are far from Him? In what ways might we be guilty of the same thing as the Jews that Jeremiah preached to? **Read I Samuel 15:22-23** and discuss the similarities to Saul. What did God say was better...obedience or sacrifice? What does God call sacrifice without obedience? How might we commit the same type of sins that Saul committed?
  
5. **Read Jeremiah 8:4-7.** What analogies from human life and nature does Jeremiah use to illustrate repentance? What does unrepentant sin lead to? **Read vs. 9.** What happens when we reject the Word of the LORD? Jeremiah indicates that although the Word of the LORD is available it doesn't lead to wisdom if not obeyed. What does that imply about a Christian that has copies of the Bible but doesn't read it or heed it? **Read James 1:22-23** and be prepared to discuss its message and application. Does having a Bible, reading it, or listening to it being preached make one spiritual? What must one do with the reading of the Bible and what must one do with the preaching of the Bible?
  
6. **Read 8:13, 16, & 20.** What does God do to with the sin of the religious sinner?
  
7. How can we avoid being a religious sinner?