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# TRANSFORMATION

*"And we... are being transformed into His likeness."*

**2 Corinthians 3:18**

## CHETS TOP 5

"So Long,  
Insecurity"  
Simulcast with  
Beth Moore  
April 24th • 10:00 a.m.

Life University  
Blitz begins  
Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

On Purpose  
Ministry House  
Dedication  
April 18th • 2:30 p.m.

New LifeGroup  
begins  
April 25th • 9:45 a.m.

Beach Baptism  
April 25th • 5:00 p.m.



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### Discussion Guide

#### **Life Sentences - "Isaiah"**

***FOCUS: to discuss the characteristics of God's holiness and be challenged to live as children of a holy God.***

*"Isaiah said this because he saw Jesus' glory and spoke about him." John 12:41 (NIV)*

1. What is the literal meaning of the word holy?
2. Read (Isaiah 6:1-10) and outline Isaiah's description of the holiness of God.
  - a. (v. 1)
  - b. (v. 3)
  - c. (v. 3)
  - d. (v. 5)
  - e. (vs. 6-7)
  - f. (v. 8)
3. What emotions do you feel when you hear Isaiah's description of God?
4. What is the significance of (Psalm 99:8) as it relates to the holiness of God?
5. Does God as the avenger of evil deeds taint your view of God as love? Why or why not?
6. What should be your reaction when you encounter God's holiness? (Psalm 99:9)
7. Look up the following verses and come up with one word that defines God's holiness.
  - a. (Exodus 15:11)
  - b. (1 Samuel 2:2)
  - c. (Psalm 86:8-10)
8. What do the following passages teach about living a holy, sanctified life?
  - a. (Philippians 2:12-13)
  - b. (Philippians 4:6-8)
  - c. (1 Thessalonians 4:1-7)
  - d. (2 Peter 1:2-3)

How are you doing living a holy, sanctified life?

## Read Thru the Bible

*"How sweet your words taste to me; they are sweeter than honey. Your commandments give me understanding; no wonder I hate every false way of life. Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path."*

Psalm 119:103-105

April	Old Testament	New Testament	Psalm	Proverbs
18	Deuteronomy 31:30-32:52	Luke 12:22-40	48:1-7	11:16-18
19	Deuteronomy 33:1-34:12	Luke 12:41-59	48:8-14	11:19-21
20	Joshua 1:1-3:17	Luke 13:1-21	49:1-9	11:22-23
21	Joshua 4:1-6:27	Luke 13:22-14:6	49:10-15	11:24-26
22	Joshua 7:1-8:35	Luke 14:7-24	49:16-20	11:27-29
23	Joshua 9:1-10:28	Luke 14:25-15:10	50:1-6	11:30-31
24	Joshua 10:29-12:24	Luke 15:11-32	50:7-15	12:1-3
25	Joshua 13:1-14:15	Luke 16:1-18	50:16-23	12:4-5

### LifeGroup Prayer Requests:

*"You are not responsible for everyone in the church family - but you are responsible to them. So speak encouraging words to one another. Build up hope so you'll all be together in this, no one left out, no one left behind."*

1 Thessalonians 5:11

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## LOOKING TOWARD NEXT SUNDAY

### Jeremiah - Jeremiah 6:10

*To examine how, for forty years, Jeremiah faithfully proclaimed the word of the Lord to people who would not listen.*

### MONDAY - APRIL 19, 2010

#### Read Jeremiah 1:1-2; 6-10: Who Was Jeremiah?

*1 The words of Jeremiah son of Hilkiyah, one of the priests at Anathoth in the territory of Benjamin. 2 The word of the LORD came to him in the thirteenth year of the reign of Josiah son of Amon king of Judah,...*

*6 "Ah, Sovereign LORD," I said, "I do not know how to speak; I am only a child." 7 But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a child.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. 8 Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the LORD. 9 Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, "Now, I have put my words in your mouth. 10 See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant."*

Let's learn a bit about "the Weeping Prophet" from what he tells us about himself.

- What do we know about Jeremiah's family? What was his job?
- God changed Jeremiah's vocation from priest to what?
- What did Jeremiah think of his own abilities? What was God's response?
- What encouragement did God give to Jeremiah?
- How is God working in your life? What reservations do you have about your own abilities?

## TUESDAY - APRIL 20, 2010

### Read Jeremiah 26:1-11: Perhaps They Will Listen

*1 Early in the reign of Jehoiakim son of Josiah king of Judah, this word came from the LORD : 2 “This is what the LORD says: Stand in the courtyard of the LORD’s house and speak to all the people of the towns of Judah who come to worship in the house of the LORD. Tell them everything I command you; do not omit a word. 3 Perhaps they will listen and each will turn from his evil way. Then I will relent and not bring on them the disaster I was planning because of the evil they have done. 4 Say to them, ‘This is what the LORD says: If you do not listen to me and follow my law, which I have set before you, 5 and if you do not listen to the words of my servants the prophets, whom I have sent to you again and again (though you have not listened), 6 then I will make this house like Shiloh and this city an object of cursing among all the nations of the earth.’ ” 7 The priests, the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speak these words in the house of the LORD. 8 But as soon as Jeremiah finished telling all the people everything the LORD had commanded him to say, the priests, the prophets and all the people seized him and said, “You must die! 9 Why do you prophesy in the LORD’s name that this house will be like Shiloh and this city will be desolate and deserted?” And all the people crowded around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD. 10 When the officials of Judah heard about these things, they went up from the royal palace to the house of the LORD and took their places at the entrance of the New Gate of the LORD’s house. 11 Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and all the people, “This man should be sentenced to death because he has prophesied against this city. You have heard it with your own ears!”*

These verses describe one of many attempts made by Jeremiah to share the word of the Lord with the people.

- What was Jeremiah instructed to do in the courtyard of the temple?
- What was God’s desire?
- What had God decided to do if the people did not repent?
- How did the priests, people and officials respond to Jeremiah’s message?
- Why is it difficult for us to respond to correction with humility and obedience?

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## WEDNESDAY - APRIL 21, 2010

### Read Jeremiah 36:1-3; 21-24: Take A Scroll

*1 In the fourth year of Jehoiakim son of Josiah king of Judah, this word came to Jeremiah from the LORD : 2 “Take a scroll and write on it all the words I have spoken to you concerning Israel, Judah and all the other nations from the time I began speaking to you in the reign of Josiah till now. 3 Perhaps when the people of Judah hear about every disaster I plan to inflict on them, each of them will turn from his wicked way; then I will forgive their wickedness and their sin.”*

*21 The king sent Jehudi to get the scroll, and Jehudi brought it from the room of Elishama the secretary and read it to the king and all the officials standing beside him. 22 It was the ninth month and the king was sitting in the winter apartment, with a fire burning in the firepot in front of him. 23 Whenever Jehudi had read three or four columns of the scroll, the king cut them off with a scribe’s knife and threw them into the firepot, until the entire scroll was burned in the fire. 24 The king and all his attendants who heard all these words showed no fear, nor did they tear their clothes.*

Jeremiah attempts to share the word of the Lord in written form.

- What purpose did God have in asking Jeremiah to write his judgment?
- How does this story show us that God is longsuffering?
- What did the king do with the scroll as it was read to him? What attitude does this suggest?
- How should we respond when those in authority over us oppose God?

## THURSDAY - APRIL 22, 2010

### Read Jeremiah 15:15-16: What Kept Jeremiah Going?

*15 You understand, O LORD; remember me and care for me. Avenge me on my persecutors. You are long-suffering—do not take me away; think of how I suffer reproach for your sake. 16 When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight, for I bear your name, O LORD God Almighty.*

Jeremiah's prayer helps us understand how he persevered in difficult circumstances.

- If we follow Jeremiah's example, what should be our first line of defense when we encounter difficult people or circumstances?
- What do you think that Jeremiah meant when he said, "When your words came, I ate them?"
- How can one make God's word their "joy and heart's delight?"
- What should you do to prepare yourself to deliver God's word, in spite of how it is received?

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## FRIDAY - APRIL 23, 2010

### Read Jeremiah 6:10: Who Will Listen?

*10 To whom can I speak and give warning? Who will listen to me? Their ears are closed [a] so they cannot hear. The word of the LORD is offensive to them; they find no pleasure in it.*

Jeremiah tells us of his frustration with the people of God.

- What was the source of Jeremiah's frustration? Is it possible to really listen but not understand and/or take action?
- Are there times when your "ears are closed?"
- Do you know people who are offended by God's word?
- If we attend church and "listen" but take no action to conform our lives to God's commands, how are we different from Israel?

Why is this verse an appropriate "Life Sentence" for Jeremiah?