

SUNDAY DISCUSSION GUIDE: November 14, 2010
Route 66 (a spiritual journey through God's 66 books)
“TWO DRIVING SEASONS: WINTER &
ROAD CONSTRUCTION” (S. Kingdom Prophets)
Highway: I Kings 12-end; II Kings; II Chronicles 10-end

TALK ABOUT IT

1. Why is it emotionally painful to tear down and construct a new building?

DIG INTO IT

1. The people of Judah were neglecting their spiritual lives. So God called a boy by the name of Jeremiah to warn the people that God would “uproot and tear them down” if they continued in their evil ways. To accomplish that, the young prophet Jeremiah had only one resource: God’s word placed in his mouth (Jeremiah 1:9, 10). Name instances in the Bible (Old and New Testament) where the power of God’s Word was revealed ...

2. Jeremiah’s calling as a prophet was thankless and dangerous. Why? Because he delivered for the most part warnings from the Lord like, “The bodies of my people will be food for vultures...I will put an end to the happy singing and laughter in the streets of Jerusalem...The land will lie in complete desolation” (Jeremiah 7:33-34). Why do you think people hated these messages and the messenger who warned them of their sins and impending judgment?

3. Jeremiah promised that God would restore the nation. The Jews will get a second chance. The Lord said, “The time is coming when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah.” The Old Covenant laws from Mt. Sinai included ceremonial and sacrificial laws. The Old Covenant: “Obey and live...disobey and die.” The people disobeyed and needed a new way to God, a new covenant. What was the new covenant according to Jeremiah 31:33-34?

4. “As the clay is in the potter’s hand, so are you in my hand” (Jeremiah 18:6). But the potter (God) doesn’t like how the pot is forming so he smashes it and starts over. The Flood was a start-over. After the Israelites worshipped the golden calf, the 10 commandments were a start-over. Every day our life is a start-over. It’s like the song: *“Change my heart O God, make it ever true. Change my heart O God, may it be like you. You are the potter, I am the clay, mold me and make me, this is what I pray.”* If we followed this simple song there’d be less arguments, less hatred, less worry, less divorce, less lust, less greed and less gossip. So why is this simple song so disturbing to our hearts and minds? First discuss and then read Romans 7:24, 24.

DISCUSS IT

1. What good things can result from suffering?
2. Referring to the repentant, Jeremiah 31:34 says “God will remember our sins no more.” Why is this such an unbelievable passage? What are the ramifications of this passage for our daily lives?

PRAY ABOUT IT: Change my heart, O God, make it ever true. Change my heart, O God, may it be like you. You are the potter, I am the clay, mold me and make me, this is what I pray. Amen.