

Small Group Study Guide, Week of February 1, 2026

Jeremiah 7, “Faith in False Idols that Infuriates God,” Pastor Tim Cho

Question: What provokes God to indict and judge sinners?

Big Idea: God punishes lifelong disobedience and desires our faithful obedience

Ice Breaker: Have you ever visited an abandoned farm, a ghost town, or an ancient ruin? Where? How did it make you feel?

Dig:

1. Chapter 7 is dated during Jehoiakim’s reign, 609-598 BC. How did Jehoiakim come to be king? (2 Kings 23:29-37) What kind of king was he?
2. Where does God send Jeremiah to proclaim this message? (v2) Who would hear it there? How can Judah remain in the land? (vv5-7) What crimes have the people committed? (vv8-11,28,30-31) What have they done to the temple?
3. Where does God send Jeremiah to continue his message? (v12) Why there? (1 Sam 4:3-11; Ps 78:60-64) What lesson does God want to teach Judah there?
4. Why does God forbid Jeremiah from praying for the people? (7:16) What punishment awaits? (7:32-8:3)

Apply:

5. How have you seen people today substitute being religious for being obedient to God? How have you done that?
6. A friend says to you, “I sure am glad I got saved 10 years ago; it’s nice to know I can live as I please and not have to worry about burning in hell.” How would you respond?

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