

## Small Group Study Guide, Week of March 8, 2026

**Jeremiah 21-23:8**, “Corrupt Kings and the Righteous King,” Pastor Tim Cho

**Big Idea:** All earthly kings will let you down, but Christ the only righteous King will never let you down.

**Ice Breaker:** Name a politician you voted for who ended up disappointing you. Why?

### Dig:

1. In this passage, Jeremiah condemns several kings of Judah: a) Zedekiah (21:1-22:9), b) Shallum/Jehoahaz (22:11-17), c) Jehoiakim (22:18-23), d) Jehoiachin (22:24-30). Review 2 Kings 23-24 to get a sense of why Jeremiah prophesied against each of them and refer to a diagram of the kings of Judah to understand how they relate to each other. What observations do you make?
2. Does Zedekiah consult Jeremiah before or after he makes the decision to stop paying tribute to Babylon? (21:2) What options does Jeremiah offer at this point? (21:3-10) How acceptable do you think these options would sound to Zedekiah and his officials? Why?
3. What specific expectations does God lay down for each of these leaders? 21:12; 22:3; 9; 13-17; 21; 23:1-2? Why do you think they have such difficulty following God’s expectations?
4. From 23:3-8, how does God say things will be different in the future? What has been the outcome of those promises so far?

### Apply:

5. What lessons do you take away for your expectations of your leaders today? For your expectations for your own leadership (family, work, church, etc.)?
6. What reasons for hope do you find in these prophecies?

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