

Small Group Study Guide, Week of May 10, 2026

Jeremiah 42-43, "Seeking God's Will," Pastor Tim Cho

Q: What is God's will for His people?

Big Idea: The will of God for the people of God is to obey the Word of God.

Ice Breaker: When lost while driving, how long to you wait before asking for help?

Dig:

1. As background, read Jeremiah 41:16-18 and 2 Kings 25:25-26. Why are the army officers afraid, even though they had nothing to do with Geddaliah's murder? Why do the people ask Jeremiah to seek guidance? Are they sincere?
2. How long does it take Jeremiah to return God's answer? What do you think Jeremiah was doing in the meantime? What do you think the people were doing?
3. What is the peoples' response once Jeremiah gives them God's answer? Does this surprise you? Why or why not?
4. Do you suppose Jeremiah and Baruch go along to Egypt willingly or unwillingly? How would Nebuchadnezzar interpret their flight to Egypt? From Jeremiah 43:7-13, what message does God give Jeremiah at the Egyptian border? Why?

Apply:

5. In the past couple of weeks, at what point in your decision-making process did you seek God's counsel? The input of others? Did you truly want advice or simply a blessing on your plans?
6. Have you ever felt beyond God's reach? Did God reach you after all? How so? Do you know anyone who feels "out of touch" with God? How can you help?

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