

Small Group Study Guide, Week of May 3, 2026

Jeremiah 36, "A Royal Rejection," Pastor Jake Sizemore

Ice Breaker: Have you ever been vandalized? What happened? How did it make you feel?

Dig:

1. The events of this chapter must have happened not long after the events of Jeremiah 26. How do the events of chapter 36 compare to those of chapter 26 in terms of a) content, b) manner of delivery, and c) outcome?
2. In 36:9, who do you think called for the time of fasting? Why? From 36:16, why do the officials decide they must tell the king? From 36:19, why do they tell Baruch that he and Jeremiah must go and hide?
3. From 36:20-26, describe King Jehoiakim's review of Jeremiah's book. Why? How do you think Jeremiah felt upon hearing about it? What extra words got added to version 2? Why?

Apply:

4. Why do you think the sympathetic officials did not stand up to the king? Are you facing a potential challenge to compromise what you know is right in your own life? What help do you find from this study?
5. How do people today show disdain for God's word? What do you do to honor God's word?

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