

Find Direction from God
Shine in a Dark World – Part 1
Life Church St. Louis – April 25, 2021
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Philippians 2:15 (ESV) ... be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,

Matthew 5:14-16 (ESV) “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

1. God calls you as His _____

Jeremiah 1:1-2 (ESV) The words of Jeremiah, the son of Hilkiah, one of the priests who were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, to whom the word of the LORD came in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign.

Jeremiah 1:4-5 (ESV) Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying, “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

2. God _____ the message

Jeremiah 1:6-7 (ESV) Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth.” But the LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a youth’; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak.

Jeremiah 1:8 (ESV) Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the LORD.”

Jeremiah 1:9 (ESV) Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the LORD said to me, “Behold, I have put my words in your mouth.

3. God _____ you as His messenger

Jeremiah 1:17 (ESV) But you, dress yourself for work; arise, and say to them everything that I command you. Do not be dismayed by them, lest I dismay you before them.

Jeremiah 1:18 (ESV) And I, behold, I make you this day a fortified city, an iron pillar, and bronze walls, against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, its officials, its priests, and the people of the land.

Jeremiah 1:19 (ESV) They will fight against you, but they shall not prevail against you, for I am with you, declares the LORD, to deliver you.”

Action Plan for This Week

- Have a daily time of Bible reading & prayer (Jeremiah 1)
 - Mon
 - Tue
 - Wed
 - Thu
 - Fri
 - Sat
 - Sun
- Invite a friend to attend the service next week.
- How will I obey God’s Word this week? _____

Find Direction from God Study Guide

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Intro. According to Philippians 2:15, what does it take for a believer to shine in a dark world?

Intro. What does Jesus say in Matthew 5:14-16 about our purpose in the world?

Intro. How do we receive direction from God about our purpose in life?

1A. As Jeremiah was called during the reign of a godly king, Josiah, what do you think he thought His ministry would be like (Jeremiah 1:1-2)?

1B. What are the implications of Jeremiah 1:4-5 saying that God knew Jeremiah before he was formed in the womb?

1C. How does it encourage you to realize that God's purpose for your life was determined before your birth?

1D. Although few may be called as a prophet to the nations, what do you think your calling or callings in life are?

2A. Why is it common for those called of God to protest that they are not able to fulfill their calling (Jeremiah 1:6-7)?

2B. What is God's answer to the temptation to fear other people (Jeremiah 1:8)?

2C. How does God put words in our mouths (Jeremiah 1:9)? Why is this important?

2D. Why is the message God gives us to convey often not easy to deliver?

3A. In what ways did God instruct Jeremiah to prepare as His messenger (Jeremiah 1:17)?

3B. How did God's word to Jeremiah strengthen him for the task ahead (Jeremiah 1:18)?

3C. Why was there such opposition to Jeremiah's message of repentance and coming judgement (Jeremiah 1:9)?

3D. Who is God giving you messages for in your life?

3E. How can you overcome fear and boldly give God's messages?