Prophets and Kings: God Calls Us Jeremiah 1:4-10

- 1. God's plan for us precedes our birth.
- 2. God foreknew us.

Amos 3:2 - "You only have I chosen of all the families of the earth..."

Romans 8:29 - "For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son..."

- 1 Peter 1:20 "He (Jesus) was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you."
- 3. God set us apart.
- 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you... You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body."
- 4. God appointed us.
- 5. God formed us in the womb.

Psalm 51:5 - "... in sin my mother conceived me."

Psalm 139:14 - "I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well."

- 6. God gives value to all human life.
- 2 Corinthians 5:16 "...we recognize no one according to the flesh..."

7. God's presence empowers our daily living. (Jeremiah 1:6-10)

Three obstacles to enjoying His presence:

Inadequacy

2 Corinthians 3:4-6 - "Such is the confidence that we have through Christ...<u>Not that we are sufficient in ourselves</u> to claim anything as coming from us, but <u>our sufficiency is from God</u> ...sufficient to be ministers of a new covenant..."

Insecurity

Mark 5:36 - "Jesus overheard their conversation and said... 'Do not be \underline{afraid} ; just believe."

Immaturity

1 Corinthians 13:11 - "When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways."

Jeremiah 15:16 - "Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts."

Reviewing this Past Sunday with Family and Friends Prophets and Kings: "God Calls Us" (Jeremiah 1:4-10)

- 1. How often do you think about the fact that God has a plan and purpose for your life?
- 2. Read Jeremiah 1:6-8. Jeremiah's focus, like Moses', was on himself, but God redirected Jeremiah's focus to Himself. Why is this important daily?
- 3. What truths are for us concerning God's work in the womb? (Genesis 25:23-24, Job 33:4, Isaiah 44:2, and Isaiah 49:5).
- 4. What kinds of obstacles do you see in your way to be a messenger of the gospel in your daily life? How good are you at starting conversations and explaining the Gospel?
- 5. Jeremiah faced inadequacy, insecurity and immaturity. What does God say we are to know to overcome these. (Joshua 1:9, Psalm 119:73, Colossians 2:9-10, 1 Peter 1:3-4, 2:9-12, 2 Corinthians 12:9, John 16:24, Acts 1:8, Philippians 4:13, and Matthew 28:18-20).