

For Deeper Study

While completing this section of the homework is not essential to enjoy this course, we highly recommend that you do as much as possible. God's Word is powerful and in searching it you will discover wonderful truths that reinforce what you're learning in class.

1. Read Jeremiah 1:5–10. Do you think that God's intimate knowledge of Jeremiah (verse 5) was confined to him, or do you think God has this same knowledge of all of us (see Psalm 139)?
2. What was Jeremiah's response to the knowledge that God had set him apart for His purposes (verse 6)?
3. What was the real reason underlying Jeremiah's excuse (verse 8)?

Words of Encouragement

I have been studying the Way of the Master now for 3 weeks and have seen God work in miraculous ways! I could hardly wait to go to the train station to begin sharing the gospel with people. That very first day, the second person I spoke with, a girl in her early twenties, accepted Christ!

That was 2½ weeks ago, and I have shared Christ now with 20–30 people. Just yesterday, while picking up a suit from the tailor, I was contemplating sharing the gospel with her. She is Vietnamese, her husband is Buddhist, and her son is Catholic. As I thought about witnessing to her, she asked, “What church you believe?” Talk about an ice-breaker! I spoke with her for 45 minutes and she accepted Christ! As I was praying for her at the end, a customer walked into her shop. I began to wrap up my prayer and fully expected, after finishing, to see her head lifted and eyes open, greeting the customer and letting him know that she would be right with him. Instead, when I opened my eyes, she was still in prayer with her head bowed, her eyes closed, and her little hands clasped together!

She was so happy and full of joy as I left! She could not thank me enough! She just kept saying, “Thankyouson! Thankyouson!” How this made me praise God! It also helped me to see that God often does the ice-breaking when we are prepared and available for Him to use!

I can’t thank you enough for your ministry. This biblical method of evangelism has revolutionized my service to God, my perspective of His holiness, and my love and compassion for people. There is nothing more urgent, important, or exhilarating than being used by Him in this way: calling others to repentance and to Him. —*Pastor Victor H., Texas*

4. What is your initial reaction to the thought that God wants to use you to reach the lost? If you are fearful, what do you fear?

5. What assurances does God give Jeremiah in these verses?

6. Read Exodus 3:11 and 4:10. What excuses did Moses give when God wanted to use him?

What assurances did God give him (see 3:12 and 4:11,12)?

7. When God called Gideon, what was his excuse (see Judges 6:15)?

Read Judges 6:25–27. Why did Gideon do what God wanted him to do at night?

8. What assurances did God give Gideon (vv. 14,16)?

9. Read 1 Corinthians 2:1–5. How did Paul feel when he preached?

Can you identify with Paul? Why do you think he did it anyway?

10. According to verses 4,5, why would God call such unqualified people as Paul, Jeremiah, Moses, Gideon, . . . and you?

11. Read and explain these verses in your own words: Proverbs 29:25; Deuteronomy 31:6; Isaiah 41:10.

Read Philippians 4:13, and explain the meaning of the word “all.”

In light of God’s promises to be with you and help you, and in light of His love expressed to you on the cross, can you think of any legitimate excuse for not being a true and faithful witness of Jesus Christ? List here. →

MEMORY VERSE

**“It is appointed for men to die once,
but after this the judgment...”**

HEBREWS 9:27