11/05/17 | Jesus, B.C.: Major Prophets

"While we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ."

—Titus 2:13, NIV

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1. What is the prayer you pray most often? How long have you been praying it?
- 2. Consider this quote, and answer the question. What point is he trying to make?

"If God answered all your prayers, would the world look different or just your life?" —Dave Willis

3. Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Daniel all prayed for rescue and redemption for Israel. How did God ultimately answer their prayers?

Jeremiah

- 4. Read Jeremiah 23:1-4 and John 10:11-16. What is the connection here? Who was the flock in the Old Testament? Who is the flock now?
- 5. What is different between Jeremiah 23:5-6 and 33:15-16? Who are these verse talking about? How do you know?
- 6. Read Jeremiah 31:15 and Matthew 2:18. What happened here?
- 7. Read Jeremiah 31:31. Jeremiah is the only Old Testament prophet to mention a new covenant. What did Israelites think of that? What was he referring to? Read Luke 22:20 and 2 Corinthians 3:6-9.

- 8. Read Jeremiah 31:32-34. How would God put His law into people's hearts and minds? Glance at Hebrews 8:7-13; how did God fulfill the promise of the new covenant?
- 9. Notice the theme in Lamentations 3:21-26. What hope is the writer (who was most likely Jeremiah) waiting for? What do we hope for in Romans 8:23-25? Why do we hope in 2 Corinthians 1:9-10 and Hebrews 10:23? How does all of this hope point to Jesus?

Ezekiel

- 10. Read Ezekiel 11:19 and 36:26 and consider how different a heart of flesh is from a heart of stone. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17. What is the old creation? What is the new creation?
- 11. Compare Ezekiel and Jesus in the following pairs of verses: -Ezekiel 2:1-3 and Matthew 9:6.
 - -Ezekiel 4:4-6 and 1 Peter 2:24.
 - -Ezekiel 9:8 and John 17:9, 15.
- 12. Jesus prayed when Ezekiel could not. Jesus accomplished what Ezekiel could not. Jesus became whom Ezekiel could not. What were some of the things Ezekiel tried to do that only Jesus could fulfill?