



## 242 Small Group Study Guide

### Trust

#### Jeremiah 1.4-10

1. Jeremiah was the son of a priest (v.1). The Bible records the people God uses as coming from different backgrounds. Remember Gideon for example. Can you recall the kind of background he came from? (Judges 6:11-15). What does this tell us about the people God can use?
2. Jeremiah thought he had the perfect excuse to avoid the call of God (Jer. 1:4-6). Have you ever talked yourself out of doing what is right by emphasizing your weaknesses or your perceived inability? What was Jeremiah's excuse for not wanting to do what God had called him to do? (Jer. 1:6). What excuses do we use to avoid doing the things we should spiritually? How can you tell an excuse from a genuine reason?
3. What did God tell Jeremiah not to be? (Jer. 1:8,19). Why is fear such a paralyzing factor? How can we deal with fear today? Can you recall anyone else in the Bible

that God told not to be afraid? Has fear ever stopped you from taking a necessary action?

4. The Lord touched the mouth of Jeremiah with his hand (Jer. 1:9). God also touched the mouth of Isaiah (Isa. 6:5-7). How can God touch us today? What preparation can we go through before speaking or doing something for God?