

## STUDY FOUR: HONESTY (Chapter 8)

### Jeremiah 15:10-21

#### *Open*

1. Recall a time when you felt deserted by God. What were the circumstances that helped you to feel God's presence again?
2. Think of the three most memorable prayer experiences you have had. What did they all have in common?

#### *Study*

Read Jeremiah 15:10-21.

3. In this passage we get a glimpse of the inner life of Jeremiah and his relationship to his God. What does this passage tell you about the kind of person Jeremiah is?
4. What are Jeremiah's concerns in his prayer?
5. Jeremiah was extremely honest in his prayer to God. When do you find it difficult to be honest with God?
6. What do you think Jeremiah wants God to tell him?

7. What is God's response to Jeremiah's heartfelt prayer (vv. 19-21)?
8. Think of a time when God's response to your prayer was unexpected or surprising to you. What were the circumstances?
9. Jeremiah was God's prophet, who found himself alone in following God's commands to a holy life. Why do you think God called Jeremiah to repentance in verse 19?
10. Most Christians go through periods when God's demands on their lives seem unreasonable or unfair. How do you strike a balance between feeling like a self-righteous martyr and realizing that God is always right?

### ***Commit***

11. How can you be more honest with God, and yourself, when you pray?
12. Jeremiah must have been open to whatever God's response would be. Make it your goal to hear God's response to your prayers, and not just what you want to hear.

*Begin the conversation with God by expressing the concerns that are on your mind today—even if they seem trivial or unreasonable. Be sure to allow time to listen for God's response.*