



Persevering in Obedience
(Jeremiah 37:11-17, 38:4-6, 14-19)

1. As you read our Scripture verses today, are there words or themes that challenge or surprise you? Why?
2. Share a time in your life when you have had to persevere when things have become challenging or difficult and you were tempted to give up. What kept you going?
3. How does Jeremiah respond to persecution and unjust accusations? What do we learn about his character and trust in God?
4. Compare and contrast Zedekiah and Jeremiah's relationship with God from the readings for this week.
5. Have there been times in your life when, like Zedekiah, you have been lukewarm in your relationship with God? What were the signs and what helped you realise this needed to change?
6. How do we avoid the trap Zedekiah was caught in of caring more about what others think than what God thinks?
7. Can you identify with Jeremiah's experience in the muddy cistern? Have you faced times when following Jesus has been relentlessly hard?
8. What would you say to someone who claims: 'Come to Jesus and life will be easy and all your problems will be over'? Is this what Jesus promises in Luke 9:23
9. What, do you think, enabled Jeremiah to persevere in obedience to God without any obvious relief or results throughout his life? Jeremiah 31:32, 33. Describe the hope you have that enables you to keep following and obeying God even when things are tough. What verses do you turn to for encouragement?
10. Why not share anything God has laid on your heart through our time with Jeremiah over the past four weeks and spend time praying for God's help to be faithful in following him.