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Discussion Questions

- 1). How do you respond when God's answer to your prayer isn't "yes" or "wait" but "no"? What can you learn from Jeremiah's journey?
- 2). How does Jeremiah 14:11-13 highlight the difference between superficial repentance and genuine transformation?
- 3). Have you ever felt like your prayers for someone hit a wall? How did that impact your faith and your relationship with God?
- 4). How does trusting God's timing challenge or comfort you when your prayers for others seem unanswered?
- 5). Reflect on a time when you saw small signs of change in someone you were praying for. How did that influence your prayers or your perspective?
- 6). Have you ever been tempted to mistake outward gestures (like an apology or effort) for real repentance in someone's life? What happened?
- 7). What do Jeremiah's struggles teach us about perseverance in prayer when we don't see results? How can we stay faithful in such seasons?
- 8). How does the concept of grieving the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 4:30) connect with unanswered prayer? How can we avoid this in our own lives?
- 9). When praying for loved ones, how do you discern when it's time to release them to God's justice and mercy? How can groups support each other in discerning true change versus superficial repentance in the lives of those we're praying for?
- 10). How can we encourage one another to remain faithful in prayer while also trusting God's timing and plan for the people we're interceding for?

Notes

Key Verses

Jeremiah 1:5-10;
5:12; 6:19-20; 7:16;
11:9-17; 14:11-13;
29:12-14
1 Samuel 15:22;
Psalm 66:18;
Matthew 5:23-24;
6:14-15
Mark 11:25
John 15:7
James 4:3; 4:17;
Ephesians 4:30.

Big Idea

Unanswered prayers are prolonged because God waits to answer until hearts are ready to respond.