

> JEREMIAH 1:4-10

⁴The word of the LORD came to me: ⁵ I chose you before I formed you in the womb; I set you apart before you were born. I appointed you a prophet to the nations. ⁶ But I protested, "Oh no, Lord GOD! Look, I don't know how to speak since I am only a youth." ⁷ Then the LORD said to me: Do not say, "I am only a youth," for you will go to everyone I send you to and speak whatever I tell you. 8 Do not be afraid of anyone, for I will be with you to rescue you. This is the LORD'S declaration. 9 Then the LORD reached out his hand, touched my mouth, and told me: I have now filled your mouth with my words. ¹⁰ See, I have appointed you today over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and demolish, to build and plant.



THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

FACT:

Our eating habits say a lot about our personalities. Slow eaters often know how to appreciate life; whereas, fast eaters tend to be ambitious and impatient.1



BIBLICAL **LEARNING** //

PEOPLE

God has a purpose for every person, and we can know His plans by understanding and applying the truth of Scripture

It seems everyone is interested in self-discovery. Personality tests are incredibly popular, and it's not uncommon to see friends list their numbers, or animals, or sets of identifiers in their social media profiles. Some use them to attempt to explain or justify their behavior. Used correctly, some personality tests can help us see our blind spots and learn how to understand and live with each other according to our unique set of gifts or inclinations.

The Bible, on the other hand, offers no personality test. Far better, Scripture shows us that God knows every human being before we are born. God formed us in the womb, and we all have a unique purpose. Jeremiah the prophet had no personality tests in the sixth century BC, but questions of identity plagued him as he grappled with God's unique call on his life. God's words to this weeping prophet can help us understand who we are as God's children. Our self-discovery comes from knowing who made us, who knows us, and who calls us into His mission.

JEREMIAH 1:4-5

How do you respond to the truth that God knows you personally?

How would you explain the idea of being set apart?

JEREMIAH 1:6-8

Why should we always strive to follow God's will for our lives?

4 When have you felt like you didn't have the ability to do something God had called you to do?

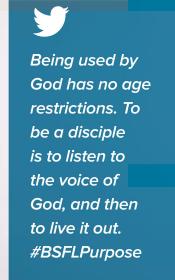
5 How can you seek God's help to do the things He calls you to do?

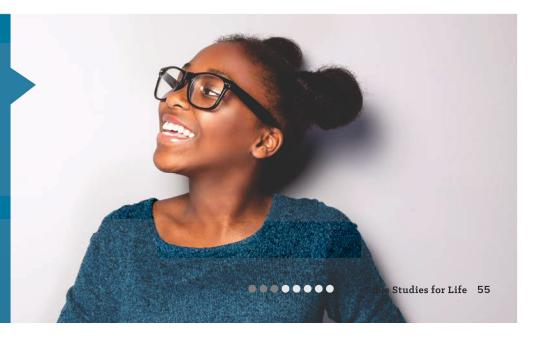
JEREMIAH 1:9-10

6 What about Jeremiah's call applies to you?

How can you fulfill God's call to proclaim the gospel?

8 How do we make ourselves available for God to use us?





LIVE IT OUT



LEVELS OF BIBLICAL LEARNING // PEOPLE

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We all feel unimportant at times. When we're young, we often dream of being a doctor, a leading actor or actress, or a star athlete—we imagine ourselves accomplishing great things. But as we get older, we struggle in relationships with parents or friends, and we even struggle to make acceptable grades. Here's the thing. God's purposes have very little to do with our accomplishing great things from an earthly perspective. Instead, He wants us to understand that each one of us is created uniquely, and His purposes are accomplished in our lives when we devote ourselves to knowing Him through Scripture and living in light of the things He reveals to us.

> CHRIST

For us to clearly understand God's call on our lives, we must continually pursue a relationship with Christ. No matter the details, we are all called to live like Jesus, and to walk in Jesus' footsteps requires that we know the ways He lived.

How would you describe Jesus' purpose, specifically as seen in the ways He lived while on earth?

10 How is God calling you to live like Jesus? List a few ways you can live it out this week.

GOD

JESUS

HOLY SPIRIT

BIBLE

SALVATION

CREATION

CHURCH

PEOPLE

FAMILY

COMMUNITY & WORLD



>COMMUNITY

For God's purposes to be fulfilled in our lives, we must be involved in the church.

11 How has God called you and gifted you to serve

12 How well are you doing in living this out? Commit to improving where there's room.

>CULTURE

13 Who do you know who feels forgotten, overlooked, or inadequate?

14 Find practical ways to help those whom the culture deems helpless because God values them and has a purpose for them. Make it happen this week, and be sure to share the gospel, especially that God values them.