



Discussion Guide for “What Makes a Prophet”

Black Sheep Week 1

What is a prophet? Contrary to popular imagination, prophets in the Bible weren't fortune tellers. God called prophets to tell the truth about God's people, to hold up a mirror to the people. What does that look like today?

Passage for Sacred Reading:

Sacred Reading is a way of reading Scripture with an eye toward transformation, not just information. Get a [step-by-step guide here](#). The passage for this week's sacred reading is [Jeremiah 1:1-19](#).

Questions for Discussion

1. When you think of a prophet, what comes to mind? Do you see prophets more as fortune tellers or social critics?
2. In vv4-8, Jeremiah confesses that he feels unqualified. What makes you feel unqualified to speak for God?
3. God warns Jeremiah that his ministry will involve both uprooting and tearing down and building up and planting. What things do you see that need to be uprooted and torn down? What needs to be built and planted?
4. At the end of the chapter, God warns Jeremiah that the people aren't going to listen to him. How does that warning make you feel? What does it say to you about the prophet's job?
5. As we begin this series, how do you sense God calling you?