

## Good News or Bad News?

What is your source for good news? What is your source for bad news?

Read Jeremiah 1:1-19.

1. Jeremiah was the son of a priest from Anathoth, which means . . .
  - A. Nothing.
  - B. Being the son of a priest automatically made Jeremiah a priest too.
  - C. PKs have it tough. (PKs are “Preacher’s Kids” or “Priest’s Kids.”)
  - D. Anathoth was 2-3 miles from Jerusalem—close, but not too close.
  - E. He was more likely to get messages from God because of his dad.
  - F. Being from Anathoth wasn’t that great (see 1 Kings 2:26-27).
  - G. God can pick anyone from anywhere to speak for Him.
  - H. It’s too bad he wasn’t from my town or at least my country.
  - I. Other.
  
2. How often would you like to receive messages from God (vs. 3)?
  - A. Every day.
  - B. Once a week.
  - C. It depends on whether they are “good news” or “bad news” messages.
  - D. Whenever I choose.
  - E. Whenever God chooses to send them.
  - F. God doesn’t send messages anymore.
  - G. God has already sent enough messages through the Bible.
  - H. The Holy Spirit sends messages to anyone who’s really listening.
  - I. Other.
  
3. Is God’s call on Jeremiah, from the womb, good news or bad news?
  - A. Good news—God has a plan for your life before you are born.
  - B. Bad news—You don’t have any freedom of choice.
  - C. Good news—God is interested in every detail of your life.
  - D. Bad news—Most don’t know what God’s specific plan is for them.
  - E. Good news—God has clear plans for young people.
  - F. Bad news—God also knows about us before we are conceived.
  - G. Good news—Jeremiah was called to be a prophet before birth.
  - H. Bad news—Most of us aren’t called to be prophets.
  - I. Other.

4. God had a plan for Jeremiah before his birth. Is that true for you too?
  - A. Yes.
  - B. No.
  - C. I don't know.
  - D. God has a plan for the big things; we get to choose the small ones.
  - E. God has a plan; we choose whether or not to follow.
  - F. Jeremiah's call was unusual; most people don't have that kind of call.
  - G. If you're close enough to God, you'll know what He wants you to do.
  - H. I'm not sure I have found God's will for my life (yet).
  - I. Other.
  
5. What difference does age make when it comes to speaking for God?
  - A. The older you are, the more likely it is that God has spoken to you.
  - B. The younger you are, the more likely it is that God will speak to you.
  - C. Age doesn't matter to God, but it makes a big difference to humans.
  - D. What matters is whether or not you have a message from God.
  - E. Those who speak for God aren't affected by what others think.
  - F. You have to be old enough to know God for yourself.
  - G. I don't expect God to speak through people my age.
  - H. I can't speak for God until \_\_\_\_\_.
  - I. Other.
  
6. How would you respond to God's promise of protection from attacks?
  - A. Why would I be attacked just for speaking on God's behalf?
  - B. That's fine with me.
  - C. As long as one person listens, that's all that matters.
  - D. That wouldn't happen in my country.
  - E. What kinds of attacks should I expect?
  - F. That's what often happens with Christ's followers.
  - G. God seeks change in our lives; people resist change; expect attacks.
  - H. That would only happen with politics; not with religion.
  - I. Other.
  
7. What do you see God doing right now (vs. 11, 13)?
  
  
8. What is God's GOOD news for you, your church, your community, and the world? What is God's BAD news for each of these?