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## Woe To Us

**Jeremiah 23:1-6 | Session 10.29**

### Before the Session

Facilitator: In advance of the session

- Review today's scripture text and the session activities to help better facilitate the discussion.
- Have the Bible Background Video ready to view.
- Thoroughly review all the referenced resources for this session in advance.
- Encourage your group to listen to the Faithelement podcast ahead of the next session (Share the link via email or social media)

### Context

Read coverage of Kentucky's decision to cut medical and dental Medicaid benefits [from this article](#), [this one](#) and [this one](#) then ask:

- With whom do you identify with in this situation and why?
- What would a prophet say if they were to walk down Kentucky's streets after this happened?
- Why do you think people blame the poor in situations like this?
- Why do you think some Christians are reluctant to get involved in this kind of thing?

### Content

Read [Jeremiah 23:1-6](#), and watch the Bible Background Video. Ask:

- Why would people find the prophet's words in this passage to be unsettling?
- Since prophetic works tell timeless truths, what most speaks to us in today's times and why?
- What roles did the established religion of the times play in this message and how has that carried forward to today's religions establishment?
- How do Christians, in general, figure into this message and why?
- What is the hope Jeremiah shares with his listeners and with us?

## Closure

Watch this [video on Mission Lexington](#) and ask:

- What hope does faith give us in today's culture where so many shun those less fortunate?
- What are the obstacles facing churches and other religious groups wanting to serve the poor and those struggling and how might they overcome them?
- At what points might religious leaders and organizations have sought to solve the wrong problems, and why did they do that?
- What happens when churches concern themselves with power, rather than doing things like addressing income inequality and other social problems?
- How might we help society move from the picture Jeremiah paints at the first part of this scripture to the picture he paints at the end?

Close with prayer.

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