



MEDIA

session page

Woe To Us

Jeremiah 23:1-6 | Session 10.29

Before the Session

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

Context

Share the [MSU Scandal video](#) and ask:

- Why do you think the media only seems to talk about big scandals?
- How do you feel after you hear about leaders abusing their position of authority and why?
- What do we mean when we talk about there being a "moral conscience?"
- Given that we so often hear about leaders who fail us in various public spheres, what can we do to preserve our sense of moral conscience?

Content

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

- How would you rate the leaders in this text and why?
- How might those “shepherds” have rocked the boat to their advantage and probably hurt others?
- In what ways did the people spoken about in this passage get hurt or damaged?
- What does it mean, in this passage, that God will gather a remnant?
- What does it mean that God will rise up a branch?
- In what ways do you see this passage applying to us today, and what promise are we being offered?

Closure

Play the [Mr. Rogers video](#) and continue by asking:

- How do you respond in time of scandal or leader misconduct?
- In what ways have you seen people get hurt when leaders fail?
- How can we criticize leaders while being respectful of their office or of the organization they lead?
- As people of faith, what should we do about really bad leaders?
- How might we minister to people who have lost their faith through the actions of abusive leaders?

Lead a group time of prayer for yourself, your church leaders, and leaders in public life.

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