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Woe To Us

Jeremiah 23:1-6 | Session 10.29

Before the Session

Facilitator: In advance of 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 (From the Media Session Page)

Share the [MSU Scandal video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MgXic_JHihA) 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 (From the Mind Session Page)

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

- Of what, specifically, do you think Jeremiah is accusing the leaders of his day?
- What does it mean to have "driven people away," versus "not attending to them," and what are some modern parallels to this behavior?
- How did God ultimately "deal with them for their evil doings" and what danger might that indicate for our present leadership?
- Since Jeremiah used a plural here, to whom was he likely referring as "shepherds" who would restore the people?
- What does it mean to be part of a "remnant" in the sense Jeremiah uses here?
- If this passage was written to our current context, what might it look like and why?

Closure (From the Current Session Page)

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 in prayer.