

# Heart - 6/16 Discussion Questions

Jeremiah 31

## **Review**

### **The New Covenant:**

1. Unconditional (v. 32)
  - Based on Jesus' performance, not ours
2. Internal (v. 33)
  - The comfort of belonging to Jesus
  - The conviction of becoming like Jesus
3. Intimate (v. 34a; Eph. 5:25-32)
  - You just know you're saved (Rom. 8:16)
  - You just can't keep sinning (1 John 3:6)
4. Eternal (v. 37)
  - "I will never leave you or forsake you." (Heb. 13:5)
5. Redemption (v. 34b)

## **Connect**

1. What was your most memorable wedding (other than your own)? What made it special?
2. If you are married, what was your favorite moment in your wedding preparation and ceremony?

## **Read Jeremiah 31:27-40**

### **Discuss**

- Read Jeremiah 1:9-10. How is that promise to Jeremiah further clarified in 31:28?
- What was the "old covenant" like? (See Deut. 30:15-18.) How is the new covenant in Jer. 31 different?
- How faithful was Israel to the old covenant? How faithful was God?
- What do you think it means to have the law written on our hearts (v. 33)? What do you think it means to "know the Lord (v. 34)?"
- The basis for the blessings of the new covenant is found in the last line of v. 34 after the word "for." How does this predict the redemptive sacrifice of Jesus that we celebrate in the Lord's Supper?

## **Apply**

- How do the promises in v. 35-37 encourage you? How do those express the nature of the new covenant?
- Did you ever live "under the old covenant" of law and justice? How did that feel?
- How did the Lord lead you into the understanding and experience of the new covenant? How did that feel different?

## **Pray**

- How can we pray for you this week?