## **Weekly Study Guide**

## 2/25/24

## Read the following Bible verses:

This is what the Lord says: "If you turn to Me, then I will turn to you and restore you—You will stand before Me in my presence; And if you bring out the precious from the worthless, You will be My mouthpiece. They, for their part, may turn to you, but as for you, you are not to turn to them." -Jeremiah 15:19

"You are salt and light... Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." -Matthew 5:16

"Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts." -James 4:8

"You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires." -Ephesians 4:22

## **Questions:**

- 1. What does it mean to turn to God? Why do so many see repentance as a bad or undesirable thing? Why is repentance a good thing?
- 2. What do you think it means to extract or bring out the precious from the worthless? What are some precious things? What are some worthless things?
- 3. What does it mean to be God's mouthpiece? Why is it important to your testimony not to follow after the world?
- 4. What does it mean to be salt and light? What keeps us from being salt and light? How are we most effective in pointing people to God?

**For later:** Prayerfully ask yourself if you are living your life consistent with what you truly believe. Do your words, actions, worship, beliefs all line up? Are you allowing God to use your life to point people to Jesus? Is there anything in your life that might hurt your testimony with others?

**Bible Verses:** <u>Jeremiah 15:19</u>; <u>Jeremiah 36:1-3</u>; <u>Jeremiah 1:4-10</u>; <u>Jeremiah 14:11-14</u>; <u>Jeremiah 15:1,6</u>; <u>Matthew 5:11-16</u>; <u>James 4:8</u>; <u>Ephesians 4:22</u>; <u>Isaiah 43:18-20</u>