

Mount Vernon First Church of God

JEREMIAH STUDY

January 19, 2020 – Jeremiah 4:1-4

Plow it up!

King Manasseh's reign (2Kings 21) could be described as...

King Amon's reign could be described as...

King Josiah's reign could be described as...

Problem with reformation from top down...

Jeremiah 4:1-4, key phrases (NLT)...

"...If you wanted to return to me, you could."

"...then you would be a blessing to... the world..."

"Plow up the hard ground of your hearts!"

"...surrender your pride and power. Circumcise yourselves to the Lord, or my anger will burn like an unquenchable fire..."

Related Jesus passages – Matthew _____, _____, _____

Change must be _____ rather than external.

To allow God's seeds of Truth to flourish and transform, the Word of God for our hearts is _____!

Will I allow God to write my story?

I say _____ to God.

Daniel 12:3 – Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

Day 1 – Read: Romans 6:16; Joshua 24:14-15

"Don't you realize that grace frees you to choose your own master? But choose carefully, for you surrender yourself to become a servant – bound to the one you choose to obey. If you choose to love sin, it will become your master, and it will own you and reward you with death. But if you choose to love and obey God, he will lead you into perfect righteousness."

"So fear the Lord and serve him wholeheartedly. Put away forever the idols... choose today whom you will serve."

Ponder in Prayer: What do you say to God today?

Day 2 – Read: John 12:25-26

"The person who loves his life and pampers himself will miss true life! But the one who detaches his life from this world and abandons himself to me, will find true life and enjoy it forever! If you want to be my disciple, follow me and you will go where I am going. And if you truly follow me as my disciple, the Father will shower his favor upon your life."

Ponder in Prayer: How do you respond to God's call today?

Day 3 – Read: Matthew 6:21

"...your heart will always pursue what you value as your treasure."

Ponder in Prayer: What will you treasure today?

Day 4 – Read: John 14:15; Mark 12:33

"Loving me empowers you to obey my commands."

"And there is something more important to God than all the sacrifices and burnt offerings: it's the commandment to constantly love God with every passion of your heart, with your every thought, and with all your strength – and the love your neighbor in the same way as you love yourself."

Ponder in Prayer: What does your heart embrace today?

Day 5 – Read: Luke 12:31-32

"Each and every day he will supply your needs as you seek his kingdom passionately, above all else. So don't ever be afraid, dearest friends! Your loving Father joyously gives you his kingdom realm with all its promises!"

Ponder in Prayer: Will you trust Him, seek Him first today?