

Seeking a Word from the Lord

Jeremiah 37:1-11

Main idea: To explore the importance of seeking guidance and direction from God, and the consequences of ignoring His word

Topic: Is There a Word

Suggestions for moving forward with your sermon:

1. Build on the theme of seeking a word from the Lord:

- Explore the importance of seeking guidance and direction from God in various aspects of life.
- Highlight the benefits and blessings that come from hearing and obeying God's word.
- Emphasize the role of prayer, meditation, and studying Scripture in seeking a word from the Lord.

Scripture passages to consider:

- Psalm 119:105 - "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."
- Proverbs 3:5-6 - "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths."

2. Explore the story of Jeremiah 37:1-11:

- Provide a brief summary of the context and background of this passage.
- Highlight the importance of Jeremiah's obedience in delivering God's message, even in difficult circumstances.

- Discuss the consequences of ignoring or rejecting God's word, as seen in the response of King Zedekiah.

Additional Scripture passages to consider:

- Isaiah 55:11 - "So shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it."
- Hebrews 4:12 - "For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart."

3. Provide practical suggestions for seeking a word from the Lord:

- Encourage regular Bible reading and study, along with journaling and reflection.
- Share practical tips for developing a consistent prayer life and listening for God's voice.
- Discuss the importance of seeking wise counsel and guidance from mature believers.

Language suggestions from the original languages:

- In Jeremiah 37:2, the Hebrew word for "inquired" is "darash," which implies seeking, searching, or asking for guidance. Highlight the significance of actively seeking God's word rather than passively waiting for it.

Other relevant passages:

- Matthew 7:7-8 - "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened."

Remember to incorporate these suggestions in a way that reinforces your current ideas and aligns with your sermon's main point.