

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: January 29, 2020
Jeremiah 17:19-27

1. What did God tell Jeremiah to do in 17:19-20?
 - a. Go and stand at the Gate of the People through which the kings of Judah go in and out.
 - b. (Go and) stand also at the other gates of Jerusalem.
 - c. Say to them, 'Hear the word of the Lord, you kings of Judah and all people of Judah and everyone living in Jerusalem who come through these gates.

2. What does God want Jeremiah to tell the people, according to 17:21-22?
 - a. Be careful not to carry a load on the Sabbath day or bring it through the gates of Jerusalem.
 - b. Do not bring a load out of your houses...
 - c. (Do not) do any work on the Sabbath, but keep the Sabbath day holy, as I commanded your ancestors.

3. Did God just make this up, or should they have already known about this (See Exodus 20:8-11)?

4. We have been applying all of Jeremiah's commands (from the Lord) to our lives. What does this mean for our lives today?
 - a. Oh, this one doesn't really apply any more.
 - b. Well, since this is one of the big 10, it seems like we should probably listen to this one (especially considering Matthew 5:18)
 - c. Perhaps Jesus can help us understand how to apply this to our lives...

5. In Matthew 5:17, Jesus says that he did not come to abolish the Law or the Prophets, but to fulfill them. Read the following New Testament passages and consider how we might apply this command to our lives.
 - a. John 9:13-16 and Luke 13:10-17. _____
 - b. Matthew 12:9-14, Mark 3:1-6 and Luke 6:6-11. _____
 - c. Matthew 12:1-8, Mark 2:23-28, and Luke 6:1-5. _____
 - d. Hebrews 4:1-13. _____

6. So, how might we receive the intent of this command and apply it to our lives as Jesus would want (perhaps in a balanced way)?
 - a. This command isn't that important, so we should just do away with it.
 - b. We should legalistically refrain from even carrying things on Saturdays, even if we never think of God during the whole day...other than to be mad at Him because its His fault we didn't get anything done or make any money that day.
 - c. God knows our need for rest and we should consider that when we plan our schedule.
 - d. God knows our tendency to neglect Him...whether that be because of overwork or sloth, so we must intentionally set aside time for Him.
 - e. Our lives should be focused on God every day. If we start our day with prayer, God empowers us through our day and we have peace in Him even in our labors.
 - f. True rest comes only in His Presence and by His Spirit and ultimate rest will be experienced in Heaven with Him...Our decision to take times of rest and focus on God both reminds us to remain in Him daily and points forward to the day when we will be with Him for eternity.

7. What might you change in your life in order to better fulfill this command? _____
