

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
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Jeremiah 35

1. When, according to 35:1, does this chapter happen? _____

2. What does God tell Jeremiah to do in 35:2? _____

3. Who were the Rekabites?
 - a. Uh...I don't know.
 - b. The descendants of Rekab?
 - c. Descendants of Jehonadab, who helped Jehu strike down the prophets of Baal (2 Kings 10:15-27).
4. Why, in verses 2-5, did God tell Jeremiah to offer them wine?
 - a. Because all the cool kids were doing it.
 - b. Maybe he just wanted to be a good host.
 - c. Well, according to verse 6, this was a group of people who didn't drink wine and hadn't for generations.
5. How, according to verses 6-11, did the Rekabites respond to Jeremiah (even a prophet) offering them? _____

6. What does God tell Jeremiah to say to the people of Judah next, according to verses 12-16?
 - a. God is using the Rekabites as an example of faithfulness for the people of Judah.
 - b. God told Judah that, not only had they not been faithful, but that he had sent prophets to them "again and again" (verse 15) to try to turn them back to Him, but they wouldn't listen.
7. Could you be an example of faithfulness to others? Yes_____ No_____ If not, how do you handle when God shows you examples of faithfulness?
 - a. We are broken and change our ways.
 - b. We are embarrassed and try to lie about our own faithfulness.
 - c. We attack the prophet.
 - d. We tear down the examples (find any flaw we can in their life and expose it)
 - e. We justify our actions by saying "everybody has their own walk!"
8. Does God still need examples like this today?
 - a. No, he has plenty of examples recorded in the Bible.
 - b. Yes, he needs examples of faithfulness to show people what it looks like to be holy.
 - c. No, God has plenty of other people to be examples.
9. Do you think that the Recabites were tired of being different for all of those years?
Yes_____No_____ Why? _____
What if God calls us to something that is not otherwise required in the Bible or our tradition (See also 1 Corinthians 8)? Would that be ok with us? _____