

## Small Group Discussion Guide January 28, 2018

Sermon Title: "A Few Good Men"

Sermon Text: Ezekiel 14:12-20 Scripture Reading: Psalm 130

*Leader:* Please allow a moment for introductions/visiting. Have someone offer a brief prayer inviting God to speak and lead using the group's discussion.

**Getting Started:** If you had to name the top 5 men who have influenced your life, who would they be? Why did they have such influence on you?

## Discussion:

- Are you familiar with the history of the destruction of Jerusalem by the Babylonians? (Reference: 2 Kings 25:1-21) The captives thought they would return to their city to find it intact, but it had come under the judgment of God.
- 2. What were the four methods of judgment God was going to use against the city? (Reference: Vs.13, Vs. 15, Vs. 17, Vs. 19)
- 3. In the midst of explaining all that was happening, Ezekiel mentions 3 men of great standing. Who are they? In what context are they mentioned? (Reference: Vs.14) What is being said of the hope for others to survive God's judgment upon Jerusalem?
- The Pastor spent some time looking at each of these men's lives and why they might have been included in this very short list. Consider each and the traits he mentioned.
  \*Noah.... Faith and Obedience (Reference: Hebrews 11:7, Genesis 6:22)
   Do you follow the Lord's will with that strict of obedience?
  - \*Daniel...Faith and Courage. Daniel was one of the exiles carried off into Babylonian captivity. For what courageous event is he best known for? (Ref: Daniel 6:10) What was his punishment and what was the outcome? (Ref: Daniel 6:16-27)
  - \*Job......Faith and Tenacity. Tenacity means "tending to hold firmly; persistent." Would you say this describes your faith? your consistency with God?

## GOD NEEDS A FEW GOOD MEN AND WOMEN. WILL YOU BE ONE?

**Closing:** Close by sharing prayer requests. Pray for each another and for the needs that were shared.

## GO SHARE JESUS!

