

# Jeremiah 17:9 | THE DECEITFUL HEART

## LifeGroup Questions from 16.09.2018 sermon

Read Jeremiah 17:1-18

### The heart is deceitful

- i. Think about your local community news and also UK and world news. What recent examples can you think of which demonstrate the deceitfulness of the human heart?

### Looking at the context: How is the heart deceitful?

- i. List as many Bible verses as you can which attest to Jeremiah 17:9.
- ii. Think about the context of the book of Jeremiah, and then scan through Jeremiah chapter 17. Which verses teach us about the specific way in which the human heart is deceitful?
- iii. What did Adam and Eve not believe about God which caused them to sin?
- iv. Tim Chester wrote *"We sin because we believe lies about God, instead of believing God's word, and because we worship idols instead of worshipping God."* Think about your life. What lies have you believed/are you believing about God which have caused you to sin?

### Who can cure the deceit in our hearts?

- i. In 17:9 Jeremiah describes the human heart as beyond understanding and cure. Find and read out Bible verses which reveal to us that God can understand and cure the heart.
- ii. Jamie used the illustration of a factory to describe how God cures our hearts at conversion. Can you remember how the illustration went, and how it explained why Christians still struggle with the sin of unbelief?

### What are the benefits of trusting God?

- i. Read out 17:7-8. The benefits of trusting in God are that that we need not fear when the heat comes. Through the heat of unexpected disaster, old age, broken relationships, guilt, loss; even through the heat of death, God is with us and causes us to be fruitful. Finish the session by sharing a time when the heat came into your life, but you felt God with you, upholding you, sustaining you.