

Going Deeper Questions  
**Something Old – Something New**

Jeremiah 31:31-37

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1. Jeremy started out sharing a wedding tradition that goes back to the Victorian Age (1837-1901). What are some wedding traditions that you like or don't like? Explain.
2. Jeremiah 31:31-32 begins God's new covenant. It highlights the old and the new. Read Hebrews 8:6-13 – what does this passage teach us about the relationship between the old covenant and the new?
3. In Jeremiah 31:33-34 what did the Lord tell the nation of Israel He was going to do?
  - a. Zechariah 12:10 tells us when this will be a reality for the nation of Israel.
  - b. Jeremiah 31:33 speaks of a new heart – transformed by the Spirit of God (cf. Ezekiel 36:26f). How have you seen transformation in your life that you know is because of the Spirit of God living in you?
  - c. Read John 3:1-21. This is the interaction of Jesus with Nicodemus. Does our study in Jeremiah 31 and Ezekiel 36:26-27 give you a better understanding as to why Jesus would ask Nicodemus the question He did in John 3:10? Why do you think He asked him that?
  - d. In Jeremiah 31:34 there is an indication that everyone will (one day) know the Lord and won't have to be taught to know Him. Given our calling as a church (cf. Matthew 28:19-20), how is that different than what will be experienced in the kingdom to come (Jeremiah 31:34), and how is it similar to Jeremiah 31:34?
    - i. Remember the illustration of the Picton Castle? How do you think we are doing as a church in carrying out the Great Commission, like those on the ship carry out their duties and responsibilities?
  - e. At the end of Jeremiah 31:34 the Lord speaks of forgiveness. Even though this is for the revived nation of Israel in the future, how do we experience this even today?
4. Jeremiah 31:35-37 speaks of an eternity that can be expected. How is it that we experience these things even today, albeit only as small foretaste of the glory to come (cf. 1 Corinthians 13:9-10)?