<u>Homegroup Notes – Encountering God Through the Senses: SIGHT</u>

Icebreaker

Do you have a particular learning style? (e.g. visual, auditory, etc...)

Today we're starting to look at the senses and how they relate to our relationship with God.

PRAY

Study

Read Jeremiah 1:4-19

Look at verse 5.

- Why do you think God chose to say this to Jeremiah?
- What does this statement teach Jeremiah about God? (He sees beyond what we see, His authority)

Look at verse 6.

- What does this reply teach you about how Jeremiah might have been feeling?
- In what ways do we tell ourselves that we are inadequate?

Look at verse 9.

 How does God deal with Jeremiah's sense of inadequacy? (blesses him, speaks truth to Him, shows grace and tells him that it's not him who will speak but God himself through him in his weakness)

Look at verse 11.

- What does God ask Jeremiah? (What do you see?)
- Why do you think God might have wanted Jeremiah to see something?

Look at verse 13.

- God asks the same question, but how does Jeremiah's response differ from the previous reply to this question? (More detail)
- Why do you think Jeremiah might have replied in more detail? Do you think that's significant? (might have noticed what God was wanting him to notice)
- What do these pictures of the tree and the pot do for Jeremiah? (Taught him the message, so he could understand and obey)

Discussion

- Has God ever spoken through any images or pictures to you?
- Where else in Scripture does God do this?

Prayer Time

Spend some time in quiet and ask God to speak through. Wait and see if God brings any images to mind. Reassure the group it's ok to just wait, that there's no pressure to think of an image.

Invite the group to share any images. Pray that this week you might notice things with God and hear Him speak through them in a way that leads to obedience.