

## *Not In My Name*

Read Jeremiah 23 v 9-40

**Reflect: Who has been an influential leader in your life? what did they do, and how did it affect you? How were their beliefs and values expressed in their leadership?**

- **What charges are brought against the religion leaders in v9-12? What are the results of their leadership?**
- **In v 13-15 what's is so unsavoury about the actions of the prophets?**
- **What are the two accusation in v16 & 17? Whats happened to their conscience?**
- **In v18-22 what is missing from their ministry that Jeremiah has?**
- **What do the prophets and priests look to rather than the Lord v23-32? What false gods might wayward spiritual leaders be looking to today?**
- **How hard a message would this have been for Jeremiah to give? v33-40**
- **There seems to be three areas of life where God brings his accusation to bear on the false prophets. Lack of moral integrity, lack of public moral courage and a lack of a mandate from God. Where would you see these in the passage?**
- **What discernment does this passage call for in whom we listen to, each, read or follow?**
- **What effect does the kind of leadership described int he passage have on the church? Could such charges outlined be brought to the 'church' today?**
- **What hope do you find int he passage?**

***These questions are to be used as a follow up in small groups, with friends or for personal reflection to the teaching at 8pm on YouTube every second week.***