



Short Yardage
February 13, 2022
Jeremiah 1:4-14; 17-19

Connect:

- Do you have any Super Bowl traditions? If so, share your favorite parts of the event.
- Many have said, “*Getting started is the hardest part.*” Describe a task, goal or project that overwhelmed you with its enormity and left you wondering how you could ever accomplish it successfully. How did you get started? What was the result?

Engage

- Read *Jeremiah 1:4-14; 17-19*. Jeremiah hears God say, “*Before I shaped you in the womb, I knew all about you. I had holy plans for you.*” How do you consider God’s plan for you? How are such dreams and plans discovered?
- Jeremiah is almost frozen by God’s call for him to be a mouthpiece for the cause. He says, “*I’m just a boy...*”. Most of us tend to have an “*I’m just a...*” excuse for things we think we can’t (*or don’t want to*) do. What is yours?
- God asks Jeremiah, “*What do you see?*” How often do you step back and reflect on what you see in your life and the world around you? If/when you do, how might you respond faithfully to the God-action most needed by what you see?
- God’s word to Jeremiah, “*Gird up your loins!*” draws a chuckle out of some. It’s the “*roll up your sleeves*” and get after it mentality. When it comes to your sense of God’s activity in your life today, what kind of ‘*girding*’ do you need to do?

Next Steps:

- Write down one goal/vision you believe God desires for your life. Consider the necessary first step toward that vision and step boldly toward it.

Pray:

- Share news about your life and lift any joys or needs to God in prayer.
- “*God of inches and miles alike, strengthen my resolve to take action toward your vision for my life. Amen.*”