

The Tragic Exchange
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Jeremiah 2:11-13 (pg. 624)

Verse 11 – Foundational truths:

Every nation has _____.

Not all gods are actually _____.

We have no idea how _____ our exchanges might be.

Verse 12 – The bigger picture:

The heavenly _____ is different than ours.

Proverbs 3:5-7 (NLT, pg. 526) Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. Don't be impressed with your own wisdom. Instead, fear the Lord and turn away from evil.

Verse 13 – Two things that change everything:

1. A fountain.

The source of the water: _____

John 4:13-14 (NLT, pg. 884) Jesus replied, "Anyone who drinks this water will soon become thirsty again. But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It

becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life."

The result: _____

2. A cracked cistern.

The source of the water: _____

Jeremiah 17:9 (NLT, pg. 641) The human heart is the most deceitful of all things, and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is?

The result: _____

How can I make a _____ exchange?

John 10:10 (NLT, pg. 892) The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.

Final Thought: Everyone worships something. If your journey is focused on Jesus Christ, you will be _____ with living water. Are you pursuing a fountain or a cracked cistern?

The Tragic Exchange Discussion Questions

What is the craziest exchange you have ever made in your life? We have all made a bad exchange; think about the moment you realized how bad the exchange was. Describe the emotions you experienced at that moment. Review Jeremiah 2:11-13. Why do you think the heavens are so shocked by this exchange (vs. 12)?

Read Exodus 20:1-6. How does this passage connect to the concept presented by Jeremiah? Why do you think God puts so much emphasis on idols? Read Matthew 22:37-40. How does this passage connect to the concept presented in Jeremiah? Does Jesus address how/what we worship in these two commandments? Why or why not? Have you ever thought of worship as giving something worth? Is this concept helpful? Explain.

What “broken cisterns” are present in our world today? What “broken cisterns” have you dealt with in your life? Read Jeremiah 17:5-10. Does this passage later in Jeremiah connect back to 2:11-13? How?

“Every “yes” is an automatic “no” to something else.” How have you seen this concept play out in your life? Explain. How have you seen this concept play out in your faith journey? Explain. Review John 10:10. How can this verse help you make better exchanges in your life and faith journey?