

# WHO'S WHO?

Name the people and what they did. Answers below.

- Martin Luther King
- Emmeline Pankhurst
- William Tyndale
- William Wilberforce



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# GOD'S WORD REJECTED

JEREMIAH 38:1—40:6

DOING THE RIGHT THING IS NOT ALWAYS POPULAR.

Zedekiah was king in Judah. What did Jeremiah say about him and his people? (37:2)

Complete the sentences from Jeremiah 38:1-13

Jeremiah and his message were unpopular. He said that, "Whoever stays in this city (Jerusalem) would die by the \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ but whoever went over to the \_\_\_\_\_ would \_\_\_\_\_. The officials said Jeremiah should be put to \_\_\_\_\_. They took him and lowered him by \_\_\_\_\_ into a \_\_\_\_\_ but Ebed-Melech went to the king to tell him what had happened. He took \_\_\_\_\_ men and got some old \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and they rescued Jeremiah by pulling him up with \_\_\_\_\_.

Why didn't the people want to listen?

## BUT GOD KNOWS BETTER!

Tick the sentences which apply to God. Read 38:4-5, 7-10, 14-16, 19, 24-26. Put these verses under the sentences which apply to Zedekiah.

- UNCHANGING IN CHARACTER
- LIKED TO BE POPULAR
- ALWAYS DOES WHAT IS RIGHT
- COULDN'T MAKE UP HIS MIND
- KEPT HIS PROMISES
- PLEASED WEAK, NASTY PEOPLE
- KEPT CHANGING HIS MIND

**Read on!**  
Hebrews 12:1-3  
How do these verses encourage us to live in the light of eternity?



JEREMIAH - GOD'S MESSENGER

1) William Wilberforce, Campaigned against the slave trade. 2) Martin Luther King, Fought for equal rights for African Americans. 3) William Tyndale, Translated the Bible into English. 4) Emmeline Pankhurst, Fought for votes for women.

# GOD GIVES BETTER!

What should Zedekiah have done? (38:17)

What actually happened? (39:1, 5-7)

What happened to Jeremiah? (1:19; 39:17,18; 40:1-6)

Cross out the wrong words

EASY

TOUGH

COMFORTABLE

SAFE

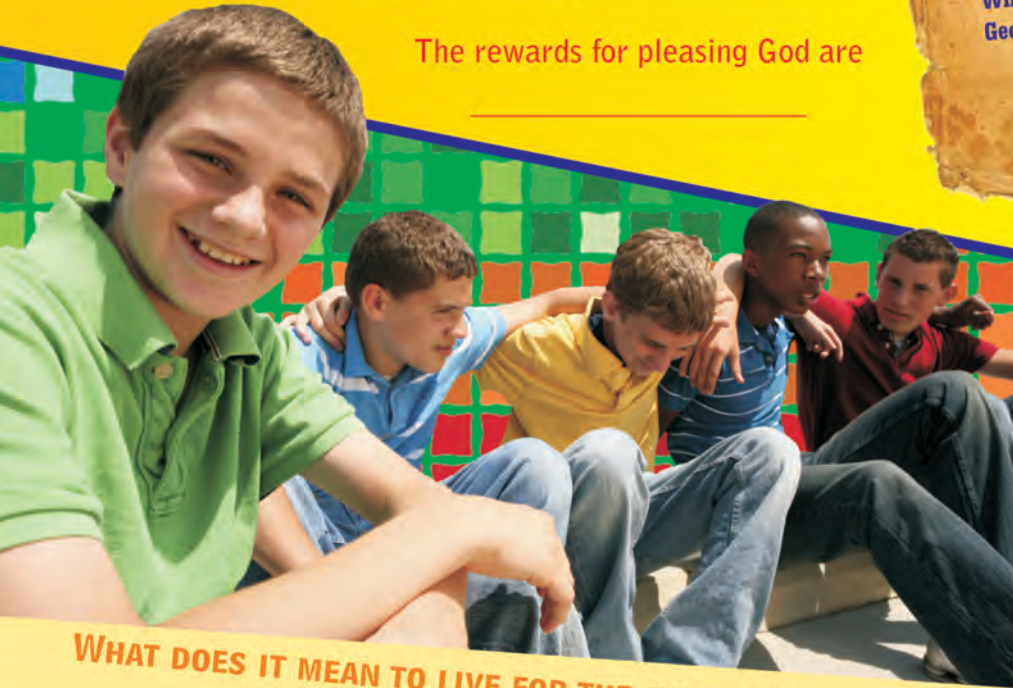
DANGEROUS

NOT EASY

SAFE FOR ETERNITY

The rewards for pleasing man are only \_\_\_\_\_

The rewards for pleasing God are \_\_\_\_\_



WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO LIVE FOR THE MOMENT?

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO LIVE FOR ETERNITY?

## The Right Choice

George Wishart came from Pitarrow in what was called Forfarshire in Scotland. When he was old enough, he went to university in Europe. He came into contact with people called the Reformers – Christians who believed that what the Roman Catholic church taught was different from the Bible's teaching. George was encouraged to read the Bible for himself.

He was studying New Testament Greek and when he returned to Scotland in 1534 he taught Greek at a school in Montrose. The church authorities didn't like him teaching his pupils to read the Bible in its original language, or their own, so he had to leave. In 1543 he met John Foxe in Cambridge who wrote a famous book about Christian martyrs.

In 1544 he returned to Scotland, preaching the good news about Jesus. The Roman Catholic church was very much against him and he needed a bodyguard. He was John Knox who became Scotland's greatest reformer. Cardinal David Beaton was determined to stamp out Reformation teaching and George was arrested and put in prison in St Andrews.

Before George was hanged and burnt, the hangman asked George to forgive him, which he did. Even though he lost his life, George would spend eternity in the presence of Jesus. Who do you think made the right choice – George Wishart or Cardinal Beaton?

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## FOCUS VERSE

