8-WEEK STUDY ON COMMONLY MISUNDERSTOOD PHRASES AND BIBLE VERSES

WEEK 8
JEREMIAH 29:11



WEEKLY READING

Primary text from this week: Jeremiah 29:5-11

Secondary text from this week: Jeremiah 28; 29; 1 Peter 1:1-2; 1 Peter 2:11

GETTING STARTED

Goals for this session: To reframe Jeremiah 29:11 for us to receive as "exiles."

Missed the sermon? Watch it at www.youtube.com/venturamissionary

Break the Ice: Describe your childhood neighborhood a bit. Was there a park you frequented? Did you have neighborhood friends? Do you still keep in contact with them today?

GROUP DISCUSSION

1.	Have you ever claimed a verse like Jeremiah 29:11 for your individual life?	What was the situation?

- 2. How would you define exile?
- 3. Pastor Parkher said, "The Church in America is in exile." Where have you experienced exile in your faith?
- 4. In this week's message, Pastor Parkher charged us with four things for exiles to do. Which of these did you connect with and why? How did (will) you do one of these things this week?
 - Build homes and plan to stay (v5)
 - Plant a garden and give to your neighbors (v5)
 - Get married and have children (v6)
 - Care for Ventura (v7)
- 5. Look up 1 Peter 1:1-2 and 1 Peter 2:11 and discuss what these verses tell us about Jesus and exile.



PRAY

Pray for each other: Have the group leader or a volunteer pray for our roots to sink down deep as we live life in exile.

Pray on your own: Thank God that He is always moving through us, whether we are at the center of culture or on the borders of it.

ACTION STEPS

Plant a garden, even an herb garden, and give some of the "fruits" to your neighbors (Jeremiah 29:5). Find one creative way to help the city in which God has called you to live to prosper (Jeremiah 29:7) and commit to helping and serving this week.

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