



FOR CLARKSVILLE VILLE

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Letters are powerful, but not as widely read as they used to be. That's okay. What if instead of writing letters to people who are lost, we could show them the way? What if Instead of just writing letters to someone we love, we could demonstrate that love with more than words? What if instead of longing for a chance to write to someone who is gone, we could live our lives in a way that would carry on forever?

BIG IDEA: God's plan FOR us, is for us to be FOR others.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. If you could write a letter to someone who was lost, what would you say? If you could write a letter to someone who was gone, what would you say? If you could write a letter to someone you love, what would you say?
2. What do you want to be known for? At the end of your life, what do you want people to remember about you?
3. Read Jeremiah 29:1-11. What jumps out to you as you read Jeremiah's letter to the exiles in Babylon?
4. Have you ever felt "trapped" by our current culture of division, anger, and hate? Why do you think God allows us to stay in "exile"?
5. Read Jeremiah 29:12-14. What seems to be God's reason for both extending and eventually ending their exile? Is there a catch to this wonderful promise?
6. Would you have prayed for the welfare of your captors? How are you working for the peace and prosperity of the place where God currently has you? This could be your city, your job, or even your current relationship.
7. What is one thing you can do this week to live your life as a letter of love to your community?

Moving Forward

You can't be for someone that you ignore. You can't be for a place that you want to escape. You can't love who you don't know. This week, let's commit as a group to invest, invite, serve, and give so that our neighbors, friends, and co-workers will know that God is for them.

Changing Your Mind

And work for the peace and prosperity of the city where I sent you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it for its welfare will determine your welfare. - Jeremiah 29:7

