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Community Group Questions:

Daniel 9:1-3, Jeremiah 29:4-11

1. The Book of Daniel is all about God's presence in exile. Daniel was separated from his family in a foreign land, required to serve 4 different kings in some ways that violated his faith. When have you felt like God was too far away to help you through the pressure of your challenges?
2. Daniel used Bible study, prayer and spiritual friends to help him navigate lots of change. How do those same things help you during changing times? If they're not so helpful for you, why is that?
3. Throughout the story, we will see God at work in surprising ways. He will be faithful to Daniel. When people say, "God works in mysterious ways," what do you think they mean? How has God worked in some mysterious ways in your life?
4. God tells Jeremiah to "seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile." But these are Babylonians who believe in different Gods and have different morals. What are some practical ways believers can help their city be successful, even if they don't share the same beliefs as their neighbors or co-workers?
5. God is preparing his people to be gone a long time because some false prophets are making promises God didn't make. ("God won't let it happen. It won't be very long.") When God says to Jeremiah, "I know the plans I have for you..." he is really saying, "You will be gone a long time, and go through a lot of trouble, but there will be good things on the other side of the trouble." So, is that verse supposed to be discouraging (it will be a long time of trouble), or encouraging (these tough times will produce good things in the long run)?