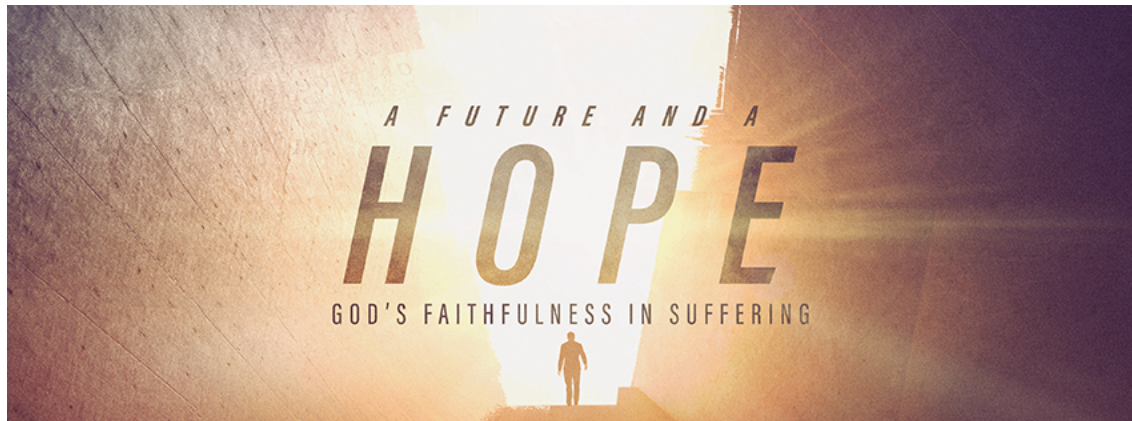


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***HOPE***  
GOD'S FAITHFULNESS IN SUFFERING

**SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS**







## Week 1

**Text:** Jeremiah 29:11

**Topic(s):** God's Sovereignty, Future, Hope, Trust

**Big Idea of the Message:** We take this verse out of context when we believe that God will allow only good things to happen to us. Looking at it in context reveals that it is a promise of delayed relief to those deep in suffering, not a promise that we will never encounter suffering.

**Application Point:** When we read promises out of context, we believe God has failed us when life proves as challenging as it often is. When we read *in* context, we realize that God's faithfulness transcends our suffering, that we can persevere through suffering by the strength of his presence.

## Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. Where have you seen Jeremiah 29:11 misunderstood or taken out of context?
3. How does your understanding of God's promise change when you consider the context of the people he spoke it to?
4. Reflect on a time when you suffered far worse and far longer than you expected. How did this affect your understanding of God? Does this sermon and reflection change that understanding?
5. How can we teach the next generation to put their trust in God's presence, faithfulness, and redemption while acknowledging the reality of God's timeline and the suffering in the world?
6. How can we pray for you?