

Sermon Notes
October 20, 2019 – The Way Maker 3: Life With Hope
Jeremiah 29:1-14

Summary: Sometimes we find ourselves in situations that overwhelm and disorientate us. It can feel like we are strangers in a strange land. But God's people have been in situations like this before. God encouragement to us is to keep listening to Him for He has a good plan for our lives with a hope-filled future.

Big Idea: God knows, wants & is able to bring about what is best for you.

Intro: Journeying through a snowstorm

- A. Not able to see a way forward
- B. Snowstorms in life

I. God's Message for the Exiles in Babylon (Jeremiah 29:1-14)

A. Background

- 1. The _____
- 2. Jeremiah
- 3. The letter
 - a. Directions
 - b. A Warning
 - c. The Promise of a _____

B. Directions

- 1. There are _____ to life
- 2. Some of those seasons are really _____
- 3. Establish a new normal so you can _____

II. **God's Plan** (Jeremiah 29:11)

- A. "For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord.
 - 1. God knew what was _____ for His people at this time
 - 2. During their time in Babylon, God's people _____
 - a. Spiritually
 - b. Materially
- B. They are plans for good and not for disaster,
 - 1. Good plans for Shalom _____
 - 2. Not for disaster
- C. to give you a future and a hope.
 - 1. A Future: a good ending
 - 2. A Hope that things will be better
 - a. In the _____
 - b. And also in the midst of our ordinary, everyday _____
- D. Big Idea: God knows, wants & is able to bring about what is best for you

III. **Warning: Who are You Listening To?**

- A. The Battle Against _____
- B. The Empty _____
- C. Jesus: "Do not let your hearts be troubled (John 14:1)
- D. Living our life based on hope

Conclusion: Holy Communion

- A. Nourishment for lonely exiles
- B. Application: How does this message apply to your life?
