

Group Study Guide

March 9-10, 2024 Return to Me: Lesson of the Purchased Field Kurt Bjorklund

MESSAGE NOTES: Jeremiah 32:6-8; 16-25

Jeremiah 32:23 "They came in and took possession of it, but they did not obey you or follow your law; they did not do what you commanded them to do. So you brought all this disaster on them."

Jeremiah 32:37-40 "I will surely gather them from all the lands where I banish them in my furious anger and great wrath; I will bring them back to this place and let them live in safety. They will be my people, and I will be their God. I will give them singleness of heart and action, so that they will always fear me and that all will then go well for them and for their children after them. I will make an everlasting covenant with them: I will never stop doing good to them, and I will inspire them to fear me, so that they will never turn away from me."

Isaiah 35:10 "and those the LORD has rescued will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away."

Jeremiah 31:31-34 "The days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them," declares the LORD. 'This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time," declares the LORD. 'I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, "Know the LORD," because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the LORD. 'For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

Luke 22:20 "In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you."

Jeremiah 29:4-7 "This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: 'Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper."

STUDY GUIDE:

STEP ONE: Icebreaker (Optional):

• What have you purchased, prompted by a family member, that has surprisingly increased in value beyond your expectations?

STEP TWO: Prayer & Scripture Reading

- Ask someone in your group to pray to open your time together.
- Ask another person to read **Jeremiah 32.**

STEP THREE: Discuss Questions

- 1. What was challenging, encouraging, confusing, or stood out most to you from this past weekend's teaching?
- 2. According to **Jeremiah 1:1**, Anathoth is the hometown of the prophet Jeremiah and so it is his duty to buy a field in this region from his nearest relative. What does **Leviticus 25:23-35** say about this Levitical law in the "Year of Jubilee" and how could obedience to this law be helpful in times of need?
- 3. According to Jeremiah's prayer in **Jeremiah 32:17-22**, what has God done to make Himself famous? Can you think of other accounts in the Bible that display God's faithfulness to His people? Why does it matter to remember who God is and what He has done?
- 4. In chapter 32, twice Jeremiah says that nothing is too hard for God, which harkens back to **Genesis 18:14**. Share about a difficult situation in your life that warrants a continual reminder that God is in control.
- 5. Through Jeremiah, God reminds His people of the everlasting covenant He made with King David (**Jeremiah 32:40**). What is this promise from God to David, and why is this an important reminder to the Israelites? (See **2 Samuel 7:16**, **Psalm 89:3-4**, and **Isaiah 55:1-3**)
- 6. What have you learned from the "Lesson of the Purchased Field" that affects your knowledge of Jesus and how you will return to Him this week?

STEP FOUR: Prayer: Ask someone in your group to close in prayer.