

Really Living on Mission – October 5th, 2025 LIFEgroup Leaders Guide

Icebreaker Questions:

1. From moving houses, starting a different job, looking for a church home, and more, we all know the feeling of being in a new and unfamiliar environment. What was a time when you were in “exile” in a new environment, and how did you handle the unknown?

LIFEgroup Lesson

I. OPEN SHARE - What’s one thing that stood out to you from the message?

II. Discussion Questions

1. Read Jeremiah 29:4-7. As an exile in this world, how do you seek the peace and prosperity of the places where you live, work, or spend time? What does it look like to care for your community and your world rather than pulling away from it?
2. In Jeremiah 29:4, God tells the Israelites that *He* carried them into exile in Babylon through Nebuchadnezzar. How do you feel knowing that God might use hard or unwanted situations as part of His plan? How would this perspective change the way you respond to challenges in your life?
3. Jake explained how light is most useful in the dark, and Jesus tells us not to hide our light. In your personal life, how can you work to make your light obvious and visible, rather than hiding it away? If we are the light of the world, why do you think we sometimes choose to hide the light we’re meant to share?
4. God called the Israelites to “settle down” in Babylon. How would you have felt if God told you to put down roots among people holding you against your will? How would the unexpected nature of being light have impacted the weight of that light to your neighbors?
5. As you go into this week, are there places in your life where you think God may have placed you to be a light, the same way He placed the Israelites in Babylon? Jake said in his sermon that God is up to something, and you are a part of His plan. How can you embrace His plans and work in the places He has put you in? Where do you need to share your light?