While I'm Waiting (2) Exile Waiting

Jeremiah 29:4-14

Intro: 70 Years in Babylon

I. Put a Pot On (v. 4-6)

II. Live for the GOOD of the City (v. 7-9)

III. Seek and Find (v. 10-14)

Conclusion: Joy in the Journey

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. God told the Exiles they were going to be in Babylon for a while, (v.4-6) so they should invest themselves in His Purpose for that city. In the same way, we don't know WHEN Jesus will return... so what do you think our attitude toward the world should be in the meantime?
- 2. God tells the Exiles to invest themselves for the GOOD of the city and to pray for Babylon, so that it might prosper (especially in a Spiritual sense). How do you personally feel led to live for the good of your city? What does that look like for you?
- 3. At the same time,
 God calls Israel to
 maintain their
 identity as God's
 own people. Seek
 God with all your
 heart. Don't become
 like the evil culture...
 transform the culture
 by living for God. In
 what ways are you
 actively seeking
 God, so you become
 like Jesus and not like
 the world?
- 4. PD said that God used the Exile for the good of Israel... and also for the good of Babylon (As Israel returned to God, their lives pointed Babylon to God also). How do you see God using your life to draw people closer to Jesus?