:: The Nation of Israel is finally captured. Some earlier by the Syrians and now the final bastion of hope, Jerusalem falls to the Babylonians. They are drug off hundreds of miles from their "promised land" and made to live with foreigners. Into this Jeremiah...who had previously been predicting this downfall, give the captives a ray of hope: (Jeremiah 29:8-14)

:: Share a time when you received a ray of hope in a dark hour.

## :: Explore and Discuss

Question: How might the nation of Israel's plight from that time, be like ours today?

Question: How do you think God would answer our cries today? What ray of Hope would He shine on us?

## :: Apply it to Your Life

Question: What does/would it mean today to Seek God with your whole heart?

Question: If we find Him...how will we respond?

## :: Pray

All glory be to your name for the truth in Jeremiah 29:13 that we see all throughout your Word. May it be the case in our lives that we are people who, day after day after day, all day today, we seek you and we find you. We walk with you, we know you, we experience you, we exalt you, because we seek you with all of our hearts. O God, we pray this in the name of Jesus, who makes seeking you possible. Amen.

## :: Notes

