

# SAME: Same Plan

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

### **SUMMARY:**

As we continue in our sermon series called “Same” (exploring the unchanging nature of God), we are focusing this week on God’s eternal promises and His unchanging Word, the Bible. This is such an important subject because it’s impossible to grow in our Christian faith without a healthy relationship with God’s Word.

### **Key Passage: Jeremiah 29:11-13**

*Be sure to read this Scripture passage together before you proceed to the “Grow” section of our study.*

### **QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION**

#### **KNOW: Spend some time finding out how everyone’s week has gone.**

*The questions in this section provide a guide for connectivity; feel free to approach this part of your group time organically over a meal or “connection” activity or with questions appropriate to your context.*

*What is something that you are thankful for this week?*

*What is something that is causing you stress or concern this week?*

*Who in your life is in need of prayer, physical help, or emotional encouragement right now?*

#### **GROW: Grow in the Lord as you engage His Word together.**

Talk about a particular time in your life when you discovered that God’s plan was bigger and better than yours.

This week’s text in Jeremiah talks about God’s plan to prosper us. Read Malachi 3:8-10 and talk about how God wants to prosper believers as we get in on His plan for us in and through our local church.

Sometimes God’s plan for us is immediate healing and rescue from our problem or dilemma, and other times He wants us to sit in the storm so we can learn and grow. Talk about the tension between praying in faith for deliverance, yet being content regardless of God’s plan.

#### **GO: Talk through ways you can put what you've learned into practice.**

What are your plans for your foreseeable life? Are they in line with God’s plans? How do you know?

How does knowing the context of the chapter help us apply Jeremiah 29:11 to our lives today?

What burdens do you need to surrender to God and trust Him with this week?



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