

## We are for the City Jeremiah 29:1-14 August 24, 2025 Questions for Study and Group Discussion

## Read Jeremiah 29:1-14.

- 1. Where was the hardest place you have lived?
- 2. How are the Israelites in exile in Babylon like your life? How is it different?
- 3. What does verse 7 tell the exiles to do and why?
- 4. Verse 11 is often quoted by itself ("plans to prosper you...") How does the broader context (exile, waiting 70 years, and the fact that we live in the New Covenant) shape our understanding of this promise?
- 5. Why is verse 8 important for the exiles to apply and how does that relate to our lives?
- 6. How is this message from Jeremiah related to evangelism / pointing people to Jesus? How can we use this example in our own lives to help share the good news of the Gospel?
- 7. How do verses 12–14 (seeking God with all your heart) connect to God's plan and promises in verse 11?
- 8. What "exile" or difficult season are you facing right now, and how might God be asking you to "build houses and plant gardens" in it?
- 9. In what ways can we seek the peace and prosperity of the places where God has put us even when it's not where we want to be?
- 10. What would it look like for you to seek God with all your heart this week?
- 11. How does knowing God has a plan even if it takes longer than we want encourage you to remain faithful today?
- 12. **For extra study:** What is the significance of Daniel reading Jeremiah 29:10 and his prayer recorded in Daniel 9:2-19?