

The Heart of the Matter

12. How has God used difficult situations in your life to accomplish wonderful things?

13. As you reflect on verses 11-14 what ideas are the most appealing to you?

14. How has verse 11 been an encouragement to you in the past? How about now?

15. What has been the most important principle for you to consider through this study?

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Life Group Study Guide

Faith that Transforms

Jeremiah 29:4-7, 11

For the Week of November 11, 2018

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?

2. Are you a good letter writer? Who is someone you haven't written to for a while but you know you should?

3. How good are you at organizing and making plans? Do your plans usually go the way you thought they would?

Digging Deeper

4. As you read Jeremiah 29:1-23, what effect do you think this written Word of God will have on the exiles? Why should they pay heed to it? V4, 19

8. What would be so comforting with the words the exiles would be hearing from verse 11? List all that God is promising from that verse. How would any of these things be applicable to us today?

5. What question does Jeremiah answer for the exiles in verses 5-9, 15? How would this radical concept sound to the Jews living in refugee camps in Babylon?

9. How would you describe the overall nature of this letter to the exiles? How might they be discouraged by it?

6. Why does Jeremiah debunk those prophesying an early return in verses 8-9? What seems to be God's reason for both extending and ending the exile? V10-14

10. In verse 7 the exiles are told to seek the welfare of the city and to ask God for its welfare as well. How does Paul pick up on this theme in 1 Timothy 2:1-2?

7. What must the exiles be feeling about those living in Jerusalem? V15-19 How would they feel about the false prophets Ahab and Zedekiah? V20-23

11. Throughout all of this the Jews didn't lose their national identity during the exile. Even 100 years later they were still a distinct element in the Persian Empire (Esther 3:8). How do you think they were able to hold on to their national identity in the midst of such cultural upheaval?