#MyVerse

Title: Jeremiah 29:11 – God’s Plans for the Future Now

LifeGroup Questions

**Icebreaker Questions:**

What are some of your favorite verses and why?

Have you ever had an incident with someone due to a misunderstanding of miscommunication or something taken out of context?

**Questions for Discussion**

1. What did you learn from the sermon this weekend?

2. Read Jeremiah 29:1-14. Make a list of the commands that you see in this passage. Which one(s) do you think were most difficult for the Israelites to obey?

3. Take a look at Jeremiah 28 and try to identify what lie was mentioned in chapter 29. Why would this lie have been so harmful to the exiles? What are some lies false prophets may be saying now?

4. Make a list of the promises that God makes to the exiles. Which one(s) do you think would have given the exiles the greatest hope?

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

6. God gave purpose to the exiles while in Babylon (v. 4-6) how might you be able to find purpose in your current situation if God isn’t opening a door out?

7. Reread verses 7 and 10-14. Knowing that word “prosper” and “prosperity” is in reference to “SHALOM” a word that encompasses “peace, wholeness, welfare, harmony, perfect” how might this change our perspective on these verses?

8. How does seeing Jeremiah 29:11 in context provide you help or encouragement you in your current situations?

Jeremiah 29:11 is not just about you (but about God’s plans and promises and also directed toward a nation)

Jeremiah 29:11 is not just about the future (but also about how God wants us to be engaged in the present for with his presence)

Jeremiah 29:11 is not just about the promises (but the promise maker and how he is reliable and with us)

God doesn’t stop caring for His people because of their past

God provides purpose in our present predicament

God’s presence give us hope in his plans and the future

9. How will this sermon/study impact the way you pray?

A quote to consider for your prayers: Sometimes God doesn’t change our circumstances because he is trying to change our heart

10. What is one practical application you can make from this week’s message? We don’t just want to know things and study things or talk about things, we want to live them out.