

Jeremiah 29:1-14 | The Prophets

Getting Going

1. Settling in & Opening Prayer
2. Did you set any resolutions for 2026? If so, what are they? Why did you choose them?

Digging Deeper

1. Review:
 - a. Was it visible in your life who it is that you worship?
2. President Dave summarized the work of the prophets as revealing the word and character of God to the people. The prophets ask questions like: Who is God? What is God's character? What are the stipulations of God's covenant with us? What does God see in this situation? What is God wanting us to do?
 - a. Do these questions still apply to us today? How might we use them if they do?
3. Reading Jeremiah 29:1-14 we can easily read this passage looking at it selfishly. How does a self focused reading miss the larger point that God is trying to make? How else do we do this in our relationship with God?
4. A central point that President Dave made was understanding the long term vision. Sometimes the point of a hardship is not for the betterment of the people right here and now but for the betterment of people in the future (i.e the people will remain in exile for 70 years). How should we understand this in our own lives? What is something we need to learn or go through to help others better worship God?
5. The Jeremiah 29 passage affirms that God's blessing, his Shalom, does not depart from his people, but that it dwells wherever they are. How have you witnessed this in your own life or perhaps in the lives of the community of believers around you?

Practical Preparation:

1. The prophets were meant to call attention back to God and the relationship we are to have with him. What serves this role in your life? How can we be more sensitive and responsive to the "voices" in our lives calling us back to God?
2. God's blessing exists for his people, how might we use his blessing to work for the betterment of those around us so that they may see Jesus and believe in him?

Parting Prayer

1. Pray that we might have ears to hear and soft hearts that respond to God speaking to us, and calling us to his ways.
2. Pray that we see the Lord's Shalom as not just for our benefit but to draw others to Jesus.

Optional Extra Question - Was there ever a time in your life where it felt like a prophetic voice was speaking into your life? What was that like?