

LIVE SENT WEEKEND - JEREMIAH 29:4-7 / OCT. 12

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

Read & Pray

Read **Jeremiah 29:1–9**. After reading, spend 60 seconds in silent listening prayer. What applications or thoughts about the text came into your mind? Might those be from the Spirit? Close with a prayer to God for wisdom to apply these truths.

Sermon Recap (to *apply*, not rehash the sermon)

Review the sermon with your group, highlighting the following:

- "Christianity is no longer even seen as one option among many; it's seen by many to be the problem—an obstacle in the way of progress, an evil to be resisted or even eliminated."
- "Don't seek Babylon's overthrow, and don't sequester yourself in a little isolated holy huddle, holding hands and waiting for the rapture."
- "Being a full-time witness of Jesus ... is not something we do after we pay the bills; it's what we do as we pay the bills."
- "When you accepted the call to follow Jesus, you accepted the call to ministry. The question now is no longer if you are called, it's only where and how."

Group Discussion

1. From Jeremiah 29:4–7, what strikes you most about God's instructions to the Israelite exiles? How does this inform the way Christians think about culture today?
2. Pastor J.D. described our culture as a "negative world" for Christianity. How does this reality change the way we should think about our daily witness?
3. When has an act of unexpected kindness powerfully displayed the gospel to you?
4. The sermon connected our daily jobs to the "creation commission." How can you begin to see your specific work as an act of worship and renewal?
5. What is one practical way you can leverage your professional platform for the gospel?

CHALLENGE

- ☐ As a group, discuss how you'll "seek the welfare of the city" by committing to one of the two opportunities from the sermon this week:

Serve Our Community: Sign up for Serve Saturday as a starting point to serve the vulnerable.

Explore Foster Care: Register for Live Sent Night on Oct. 17 for a no-commitment look at supporting vulnerable children and families.

Visit summitchurch.com/live-sent-25 for details.

PRAYER

- ☐ Ask God to give our church a renewed vision for how our daily work can be an act of worship that brings renewal to our city.
- ☐ Pray that God would create opportunities for us to display his redemptive, unexpected generosity to coworkers, neighbors, and strangers in our community.