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| Scripture | Digging Deeper |
| **Read & Discuss*** Ezra 1:1-11
* Look over Ezra 2:1-70

**Reflect*** Was there anything from this week’s sermon that impacted you?
* What was it? And why?
 | **Read Jeremiah 29:4-7*** How do you think Jeremiah’s words would have been received by the Jewish people at first? Do you think this would have been hard for them to do? Why?
* What do you think changed as God’s blessings started showing up?
* How did God’s blessing of them in exile make it all that much harder to leave?
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| Reflection Questions | Application |
| * Had you ever heard that not everyone returned from Babylon?
* How did that hit you when you found out? Did it surprise you? Why or why not?
* What would have been some of your biggest temptations to stay in Babylon?
* What role did God’s Spirit play in calling some home?Does God’s calling always lead to people’s obedience?
 | * In what way has “Babylon” become your home? What is God asking you to do about that?
* If you are a parent, have you intentionally tried to point your children to Jesus? If not, how is God asking you to start doing that now?
* If you’ve never responded to Jesus’ invitation to come home to Him, will you respond to that invitation today?
* Who else do you know who needs this same invitation?Will you share it with them?
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