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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? |
| 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? |