

COMMUNITY GROUP

DISCUSSION GUIDE

October 10-11, 2026

WELCOME / OPENING PRAYER

PURPOSE: *We are here as a group to make and multiply disciples.*

DISCUSSION GUIDELINES

RELATIONAL WARMUP: Have you ever felt homesick? Where was “home” at the time? What helped you get through it?

SET THE STAGE: The people of Israel had been forced from their homeland and deported to live in Babylon. King Nebuchadnezzar made the decree, but the Lord was directing the move for His purposes. Even in Babylon, God wanted His people to bless others. No matter where we live, God wants us to share His light and life with those around us.

READ THE PASSAGES: *Proverbs 11:10-11, Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7*

HEAD QUESTIONS:

- Proverbs 11 contrasts how the righteous and the wicked affect a city. What happens to a community when God’s people live faithfully in it?
- In Jeremiah 29, what specific things did God tell the exiles to do in Babylon? What do these instructions tell us about how God wanted them to view the place and people around them?
- These Israelites were living somewhere they had not chosen. What might have made it difficult for them to genuinely seek the good of Babylon?

HEART QUESTIONS:

- Think about your own “backyard.” How attentive are you to the people God has placed around you? What tends to help you see them? What hinders you?
- Consider the BLESS practices: Begin with Prayer, Listen with Care, Eat Together, Serve People, Share Your Story. Which of these seems to flow most naturally from your life right now? Which one catches your attention—an area where God may be inviting you to grow?

HANDS QUESTIONS:

- As you think about your neighborhood, workplace, or other regular relationships, who is one person God may be inviting you to notice and bless more intentionally?
- What might one faithful next step with that person look like this week?

TAKEAWAY

CLOSING PRAYER