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## **Leader's Guide – God's Plan for Our Lives**

Jeremiah 29:11 | Pastor Dave Bennett | February 8, 2026

### **Session Overview**

This session explores the biblical truth that God has a plan for our lives—not one built on chaos or chance, but on relationship, transformation, purpose, and trust. Rooted in Jeremiah 29:11, this message reminds us that God's plan begins with walking closely with Him, continues through Christlike character, and unfolds through daily obedience.

The discussion also confronts the importance of spiritual adjustment—recognizing when we are out of alignment and responding to God's grace today rather than delaying obedience.

### **Session Flow (60–75 minutes)**

#### **1. Welcome and Icebreaker (10 min)**

Example Question:

“Have you ever made a plan that didn't go as expected? What did you learn from adjusting?”

Purpose:

To connect with the idea that plans require trust, flexibility, and guidance.

#### **2. Scripture Reading (5 min)**

Read Jeremiah 29:11 aloud.

Optional: Also read Romans 12:2 and Ephesians 2:10.

#### **3. Discussion (40–50 min)**

Use 6–8 of the following questions depending on time and group size.

Encourage reflection on God's heart and personal alignment with His plan.

### *Discussion Questions*

**1. Pastor Dave said God's plan starts with relationship before assignment. Why do we often focus more on what we should do than who we are becoming?**

*Leader Note: Emphasize intimacy with God as the foundation of direction.*

**2. Romans 12:2 speaks of transformation. How have you seen God shape your character over time?**

*Leader Note: Highlight growth, not perfection.*

**3. Ephesians 2:10 says we are created for good works. Where do you see God using your everyday life as part of His plan?**

*Leader Note: Help participants connect ordinary life with divine purpose.*

**4. Why do you think God rarely reveals the entire plan at once?**

*Leader Note: Explore trust, dependence, and faith.*

**5. The sermon compared spiritual life to halftime adjustments. What might God be inviting you to adjust right now?**

*Leader Note: Encourage honest self-evaluation without shame.*

**6. Pastor Dave shared about his grandfather's resistance to grace. Why do people sometimes struggle to accept God's grace?**

*Leader Note: Discuss pride, guilt, or misunderstanding of salvation.*

**7. What does it look like to rely on grace daily instead of trying to earn God's favor?**

*Leader Note: Reinforce gospel-centered identity.*

**8. What is one step you can take this week to realign your life with God's plan?**

*Leader Note: Move toward practical application.*

### **Leader Coaching Sidebar: Keeping the Conversation Grace-Centered**

- Keep the focus on relationship with God, not performance.
- When guilt surfaces, point back to grace.
- If conversation turns to comparison, redirect to personal growth.
- Affirm small steps of obedience as meaningful.
- Remind the group that adjustment is part of the journey.
- End by emphasizing hope, not pressure.

#### **4. Application and Prayer (10–15 min)**

Invite each person to quietly reflect on one area needing adjustment.

Ask: “What is God inviting you to trust Him with more fully this week?”

Allow a moment of silence before praying together.

#### ***Closing Prayer Suggestion***

Lord, thank You that Your plan for us is good and filled with hope.

Help us walk closely with You, trust Your guidance, and respond to Your grace today.

Shape us into people who reflect Christ in every part of our lives.

Amen.