

THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO!



IT MIGHT NOT BE WHAT YOU THINK

Jeremiah 29:11

- What is something that stuck out to you from last Sunday's teaching?
- Circle Time: What are the top 3 things you worry about the most?
 - What is it about these things that is so scary?
 - Is control a factor of worry? Can you control the outcome of the things you worry about?
 - How much emotional energy to give each day to your worry?
 - What are some things you say or quote to help others with their worry?
- Read Jeremiah 29:10-14
 - What are some situations that you have quoted Jeremiah 29:11?
 - Dr. John Monteiro taught us that this is one of the most misused scriptures of all time. How has it been misused? Have you ever used it this way?
 - Notice the context of God's plan to prosper Israel... He will bring them out of captivity in 70 years! Will anyone who is initially reading this letter even be alive in 70 years? Do you think Jeremiah's words filled them with hope or with dread? Why?
 - Apply this thought to modern day context. Have you ever had a prolonged time period where things were hard? What was the situation?
 - As time went on how discouraged did you feel?
 - How long did you have to wait to emerge from that time?
 - Where did you look for hope to help you get through?
- Who is "you" in this passage? *All of God's people. He's addressing the nation.*
 - In today's terms, who is included in God's nation of people AKA the Kingdom of God?
 - In what ways is our Kingdom persecuted and exiled globally? Locally?
 - Where do you see God at work through His Kingdom globally? Locally?
 - How does our passage for the week bring you new encouragement when you understand it in it's proper context? Does the meaning change?
 - What application do you find for your life specifically from our passage?