

Jeremiah 29 | Study Questions from 19.10.2025 sermon

Exiled

- i. Read Jeremiah 29:1. Try to imagine you were there, and the Babylonians carried you into exile. What emotions would you feel? What thoughts might you have about God?

How exile applies to us [1]

- ii. In what sense is every Christian an exile in this world, and how is our society like Babylon? (You might want to look up 1 Peter 2:11)
- iii. Read Jeremiah 29:4—7. How are we to live as ‘exiles’ in ‘Babylon’? What does it mean to *“seek the peace and prosperity of the city”*?

How exile applies to us [2]

- iv. Eugene Peterson says *“Israel’s exile was a violent and extreme form of what all of us experience from time to time. Inner experiences of exile take place even if we never move from the street on which we were brought up. The essential meaning of exile is that we are where we don’t want to be.”* In what sense do we experience moments, days, months or years of exile in our lives?
- v. How should we respond to these types of exile? What is God doing in us?

Hope in exile: God’s plans

- vi. Read Jeremiah 29:10—14. If we are going through a period of exile when things are very hard, what hope is there in God’s plans for us?

Pray

Spend some time praying about what you’ve discussed and pray for one another.