



BE A GOOD CITIZEN

Jeremiah 29:4-9 | Pastor Tim Prince

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The Conversation Guide is a great tool for individuals, families, discipleship groups and Missional Communities to take a deeper, more personal dive into the content of the current sermon series. The Conversation Guide will be posted every Friday in the News & Blog section of our website. We encourage you to use it this week on your own, around your dinner tables, over coffee with your friends or in your Bible studies!

***QUESTIONS FOR KIDS!** Questions most suitable for children are marked with an asterisk.

Conversation Questions

1. *Have you ever been in a situation that you thought was temporary but it dragged on and on? How did you get through that experience? How did it change you?
2. Here are some things to know before you do the scripture reading this week.
 1. Jeremiah 29 is written at a time when the nation of Judah had been forced from their homes and taken into exile in Babylon. It was an extremely traumatic event. They lost everything.
 2. There were some "prophets" and "diviners" who were telling the people not to worry. God would get them home quickly. Jeremiah however, wrote to let the people know that it was going to be a long time. They were going to be in exile for a while.
3. *Read Jeremiah 29:1-14. What verse or phrase stands out to you most? Why?
4. "Exiles" is a metaphor that the Bible uses to describe followers of Jesus today (1 Peter 2:11). Like the Jews in the book of Jeremiah, this world is not our Home.
 1. What advice does Jeremiah give that would be relevant to followers of Jesus today?
5. What do you think it means to "seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile" (v.7)? Give some concrete examples of what this would look like in your context.
6. Here's a helpful acronym that some Christian communities use to help them think about how to be a blessing to the community around them: B.L.E.S.S. Which of these stand out to you most? Is there one that you'd like to try in the coming week?
 - B: Bless - How often do you intentionally pray for people around you who are far from Jesus and ask God to help you be a blessing?
 - L: Listen - How often do you take time to listen to the stories of people around you with an empathetic and engaged heart?
 - E: Eat - How often do you share meals with people outside of your family?
 - S: Serve - Is there any way that you could serve someone or allow them to serve you?
 - S: Share - How often do you get to share about how Jesus is transforming your life?

Which of these B.L.E.S.S. rhythms do you think God is asking you to try this week? Ask for his help to do that.