

# LIFE GROUP

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### Living Well in Babylon March 22, 2026

#### Summary

This week, guest speaker Corbin Hoornbeck teaches that, just as God's people lived faithfully while in exile in the Book of Jeremiah, Christians today are called to live with purpose in a confusing world. Instead of pulling back in fear, we are to live meaningful lives, stay rooted in our faith, engage our communities and seek the good ("shalom") of the places where God has put us. By praying for our cities and helping them thrive, we can reflect God's truth and hope in a world that often feels uncertain.

#### Scripture

This is the text of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the surviving elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the other people Nebuchadnezzar had carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. Jeremiah 29:1 (NIV)

This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: "Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper." Jeremiah 29:4-7 (NIV)

In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it. And the LORD delivered Jehoiakim into his hand... Then the king ordered Ashpenaz to bring in some of the Israelites from the royal family and the nobility – young men without any physical defect, handsome, showing aptitude for every kind of learning, well-informed, quick to understand, and qualified to serve in the king's palace. He [Ashpenaz] was to teach them the language and the literature of the Babylonians. Daniel 1:1-4 (NIV)

#### Let's Start

We live in a culture full of competing messages and voices. How do you decide which ones to follow and which to ignore?

#### Gratitude and Prayer

How has God been at work in your life since we last met?

#### Let's Talk

1. What stands out to you most about God's instructions to His people in exile in the Jeremiah 29 passage?
2. Why do you think God wanted His people to settle down and build full lives in Babylon rather than withdraw from the culture?



