



What is God Saying to Us About Our Future?

Small group discussion guide for the sermon on Sunday, October 26.



Scripture:

Jeremiah 29:4-11



Sermon:

Pastor Jim Bradford

Key Takeaways

1. Settle down and make the most of your current season
 - Don't waste difficult seasons of life. Every season has purpose in God's plan.
2. Pray for the prosperity of where you live and work
 - When our communities prosper, we prosper.
3. Trust God's promises to shine brightest in dark moments
 - Nothing is too hard for God, even your failures.

Discussion

1. What's one word that describes how you feel about the current season you're in?
2. The Israelites were living in exile in Babylon—the worst season of their lives. How does understanding this context change the way you read Jeremiah 29:11?
3. What does it mean practically for you to 'increase and not decrease' in the current season you find yourself in? What's one specific area where you could focus on increasing right now?
4. How have you seen prayer make a difference in your workplace, neighborhood, or city?
5. What does it mean that God has plans to "prosper you and not to harm you"? How does this challenge or comfort you?

Practical Applications

1. Identify one way you've been "waiting" for a different season instead of investing in this one. Take one concrete action this week to build, plant, or increase in your current situation.
2. Commit to praying daily this week for:
 - Your city/community
 - Your workplace or school
 - A leader you struggle with
3. Write out Jeremiah 29:11 and place it somewhere you'll see daily. Each time you read it, thank God that His plans for you are good, even when circumstances are difficult.