

## Connection Group Discussion Questions

For the week of June 19, 2016

Jeremiah 29:11-13

*These questions are to be used as a spring board for discussion.*

*Answers may or may not be found in the sermons.*

### **New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

<sup>11</sup> For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. <sup>12</sup> Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. <sup>13</sup> When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart,

### **New International Version (NIV)**

<sup>11</sup> *For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. <sup>12</sup> Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. <sup>13</sup> You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.*

### **Connection Questions:**

1. God created, provides for, and directs every one of our paths. The only way to walk God's path is to walk it with him! Discuss how you might know if the path you are walking is led by God or led by you. What do you need to do to know it is God directing you, and not yourself?
  
2. "Seek to know him and not just seek to know about him." What do you think this means? How do you seek to know him? Discuss how to build your relationship with God.

3. Look at the beginning of chapter 29 in Jeremiah and look at the context of God's message. Discuss the group of people and situation. Is the "YOU" individuals or a community? How can we relate this to today?
  
4. Since Genesis, God was trying to have each life caught up with the community. Name some situations leading up to Jeremiah and the people in exile where God was at work leading his people and offering hope.
  
5. We can look at the plans God has for us by looking at each letter in the word PLANS. The first letter, P, stands for prosper. Explain what prosperity means to Christians.
  
6. God has plans to ALWAYS be able for us: Ephesians 3:20 says, "Now unto him that is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that work set in us." So what is God able to do?

7. God has plans to NEVER leave us or forsake us. Hebrews 13:5 says, Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." Discuss a time in your life that was difficult and God was leading you, sustaining you.
  
8. Let's look at the S in PLANS...God has plans to SEE us through all of our trials and tribulations. John 16:33 says, "These things I have spoken to you, that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." Discuss what this verse means to you. Cite an example of how God has SEEN you through tribulation.
  
9. Today's first lesson was from Psalm 139. Verse 16 tells us that "all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be." Discuss this verse and how it might connect to Jeremiah 29: 11: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."