

**Waking up in Babylon**  
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Jeremiah 29:1-14

**Big Idea: Following Jesus means learning to live as exiles.**

**Exile: A citizen of God's kingdom who lives in the tension of being in the world, but not of it.**

**John 17:14-15**

How do we follow Jesus as exiles?

**Jeremiah 29:1-14**

1. **Accept the circumstances God has you in.**
2. **Reject panic and despair.**
3. **Cling to hope and faithfulness.**

## Sermon questions

Do you ever feel like the values of our world aren't the values you want for yourself or for your family? Ever feel like the culture around you is actively making it harder for you to follow Jesus? Ever feel like the people in your life are completely resistant to the message of Jesus?

Meet Daniel. A man who stayed radically faithful to God and thrived in his faith while living right in the middle of one of the most godless kingdoms of all time. He has a lot to teach us about what it looks like to be an exile—a citizen of God's kingdom who lives in the tension of being in the world but not of it. We are introducing the series in Daniel this Sunday, and our passage is

**Jeremiah 29:1-14.** The Big Idea is: *Following Jesus means learning to live as exiles.*

Use these questions to discuss the message from Sunday, focusing on how you can **grow** as an everyday follower of Jesus and how you can **go** accomplish what Jesus calls you to do.

Read **Jeremiah 29:1-14**

1. How does the model of being an exile fit (or not) with your experience of following Jesus? What resonates with you the most?
2. Have someone read Jesus' prayer in **John 17:14-15**. Do you connect more with the idea that we are "not of this world" or the idea that Jesus wants us to "not be taken out of this world."

3. From God's instructions to the exiles in **Jeremiah 29:1-14**, what commands are most important for our church community today? What challenges you?
4. How specifically is Jesus calling you to **grow** in rejecting panic and despair and clinging to hope and faithfulness right now?
5. What does it look like to **go** towards those who need Jesus as exiles living in a world that is indifferent or hostile towards God? How can we be a community that makes the way of Jesus attractive?