

Small Group Study Guide, Week of March 29, 2026

Jeremiah 29, "I Know the Plans I Have for You," Brandon Nemecek

Ice Breaker: Tell about a letter you received that was especially meaningful to you.

Dig:

1. Previously, Jeremiah prophesied orally, often with the use of visual aids like breaking a water pot (Jer 19) or wearing a yoke as if he was an ox (Jer 27). In Jer 29, he prophesies via a letter. What necessitated the change? Who were the recipients of his letter? What did Jeremiah use for mail service? Why?
2. Jeremiah had previously prophesied that Judah would be taken into captivity in Babylon for 70 years (Jer 25:11-12). In Jer 29:4-23, what does Jeremiah add regarding the people exiled from Jerusalem? What specific tasks does God assign for them while they wait for their return to Jerusalem? What warnings does He give?
3. In 29:24-32, we gain insight regarding the reception Jeremiah's initial letter received from the exiled recipients that then leads Jeremiah to send a follow-up letter in verses 31-32. What confusion arose from the first letter? Who perpetrated the confusion? Why? How did God, through Jeremiah, deal with the confusion?

Apply:

4. Like in Jeremiah 29:10-14, when in your life have you seen God bring good out of a bad situation? What happened? Could there have been an easier way to learn the lesson?

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