

Week 3: Oh the Plans God has!

Scripture: Jeremiah 29:10-14

“For I know the plans I have for you,’ declared the Lord, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future.’”

Jeremiah 29:11

3 really simple practices when seeking to understand scripture:

1. Need to understand the context
2. Interpret scripture with other scripture.
3. Apply what we learn.

Specific promises vs general promises

- Jeremiah 29:11 is a _____ promise made to the Jewish _____

Exegesis = “to _____ out of”

Eisegesis = “to _____ ourselves into”

2 General Promises to the Church:

- 2 Timothy 3:12
- Philippians 1:29

This is the good news: not that God _____ to save us from our _____, but that God _____ Jesus to save us from our _____.

Our highest calling and _____ is to lay down our lives to _____ God.

The BIG PICTURE: that God has _____ provided for you and will never _____ you nor forsake you.

Start talking.

- Before this weekend, where have you seen Jeremiah 29:11? How did it make you feel?
- If you want to have kids or have kids, what kinds of plans do you have for them?

Start thinking.

- How has your perspective of God been impacted by this message?
- Why do you think we like to read Jeremiah 29:11 without context?
- Would you rather serve a God whose plans always line up with your plans or who promises to be with you when you call on Him. Explain your answer.

Start sharing.

- Share about a time when God revealed Himself to you in the middle of a trial.
- Pastor Troy talked about the danger of “false good news.” Have you ever clung to the wrong version of the Gospel. What happened?
- What plans do you have for God that you need to swap with His plans for you?
- What are you up against that you need to see God’s good plans in? Pray together for God to reveal Himself to you this week.

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

God, we've gotten too good at putting our words in Your mouth. Forgive us for putting our plans ahead of Yours. Will You instead put Your words in our hearts? Will You reveal Yourself to us this week as we seek out and live out Your good news for the world?

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Pray daily for God to reveal Himself to you and one other person you choose to pray for.
- Reach out to someone who's been let down by false good news and allow God to use you to love them with His love.