

## Checking In

1. Take a few minutes to check in with everyone and open with prayer.
2. Church Life- Sept 29<sup>th</sup> Outreach Seminar, Oct 13<sup>th</sup> All Church Service Project

## Learning

### *Knowing God*

### Key Doctrines

- God's Sovereignty - God governs all human plans (Jer 10:23; Prov 16:9, 33; 19:21; 20:24).
- Christian Life – All believers are called to live out our heavenly citizenship by being conformed to the image of Christ (2Cor 3:18; Rom 8:29)
- Christ – Christ was both 100% God & 100% man (Phil 2:7; Jn 1:14; Col 2:9).

### Key Observations

- Was there anything that stood out to you about this week's sermon, what challenged you?
- *Read:* Jeremiah 29:1-6; Matthew 25:35-40; Proverbs 19:17; 1 John 3:17-18; Psalm 82:4

What was the cause of Israel's exile into Babylon? What is significance about the fact that it was the Lord who "sent" them into exile? Whom might those be who feel like exiles in our community?

- *Read:* 1 Peter 2:11-12; Phil 3:20; Hebrews 11:13-16

What do these verses say about who we are? Israel forgot who they were and thus ended up in exile, how do we sometimes forget who we are?

- *Read:* Jeremiah 29:10-14  
What do these verses say about God's promise to the Israelites? What do these verses teach us about God's character? How can these verses be misused today?
- *Read:* Hebrews 13:5-6; Psalm 23; John 14:15-21; Matthew 28:18-20  
What do these verses say about God's promises to us? How should these verses serve as an encouragement to us?
- *Read:* Jeremiah 29:4-8; John 17:14-16; Matthew 5:3-16  
What does God command The Israelites to do in Babylon? When Jeremiah says, "Seek the peace (*shalom*) of the city," what would that look like for them?
- *Read:* Jeremiah 28:1-17; 29:8  
*What lie is the prophets preaching to them and how is it contrary to what the Lord is commanding them to do in Babylon?*
- *Read:* Phil 2:5-8  
What does this passage teach us about Christ's humanity? How are we to have the same mind as Christ?

## **Listening**

### *Responding to God*

In light of this week's sermon in our series, "City on a Hill," how might God be inviting you to move forward in obedience to Him?

- Are there specific ways that the Lord is calling you to bring "peace to your community?"
  
- Are there any parallels from the Israelites lives in captivity which might apply to your life in your community?

## **Loving**

### *Obeying God*

- What is happening in my own life right now that I need to share and for which I need prayer?
  
- This week I am committed to praying for \_\_\_\_\_ about:

## **Checking Out**

- What was most meaningful about this group session for you (*Give each person 1-2 sentences to share*)?