



Riverstone
BAPTIST CHURCH

Sermon Based Questions

Date- 2nd February 2025

Series- Vision Sunday

Living Faithfully in Exile

“7 Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.” - Jeremiah 29:7

1. Israel was called to live faithfully present in exile.

- From refugees to residence verse 1-6

- From mourners to missionaries Vs 7.

Icebreaker: Have you ever found yourself in a situation where you felt like “the odd one out,” in a communal setting where everyone else had something in common? What was that like?

A. Examining the texts.

1. Read Jeremiah 29:1-2. Who was the letter referred to here written by and to whom was the author writing?
2. Read Jeremiah 29:3-4. To whom did Jeremiah entrust his letter and who according to Jeremiah, was responsible for carrying the people into exile? Why did this matter and why was it relevant to the exiles?
3. Read Jeremiah 29:5-6. What according to Jeremiah in these verses, were the exiles supposed to do in Babylon?
4. Read Jeremiah 29:7. What missionary activities were the exiles to engage in, in Babylon? Why was this probably the last thing the exiles wanted to hear?

B. Meditation & application

5. What did it look like for the exiles to be a faithful presence in Babylon?
6. How does the idea of exile- fit to our experience of living as Christians in our cultural context?
7. How does this passage, speak to you about the theme of “Faithful presence?”
8. How could you be a faithful presence in your neighborhood, workplace, family, church and our nation this year? (Take some time to write down some ideas you could do this in the coming year. Spend a few minutes praying about this)

Heavenly Father. Sometimes as we seek to live for you, we find that it is difficult and we feel like aliens and strangers. Help us to live faithfully present in your world seeking to embody our allegiance to King Jesus in a selfless and courageous manner. We pray our church will be “faithfully present.” In 2025. In Jesus Name Amen.