

York St Small Groups

Sermon Based Studies

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God of the Future

Jeremiah 29:11-13



These studies are designed to be explored after hearing the Sunday sermon and also to be accompanied by a time of prayer/sharing.



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GETTING STARTED

Q1. Think of a time when you had to make a decision that affected your future. Maybe it was a relationship, a job, a purchase or a priority. In light of knowing that we can't control the future, how does making decisions like this make you feel?

Q2. If you are by yourself, think of how you can give future decisions to God to ensure that those choices align with His will. If you are in a group, share how you have given decisions to God and what the outcomes were.

INTO THE WORD

Read Jeremiah 29:11-13

Q3. What stood out to you about this passage?

Read Jeremiah 29:14

Q4. Even while the future of the Israelites in the moment seemed dark (they were slaves, in captivity), God had a plan to save them, a plan for their future. The passage in Jeremiah 29:11 speaks of 'hope', what is the hope being spoken about in this passage?

Read Deuteronomy 30:19

Q5. Each one of us has a choice – to choose God's plan for our lives or chose our own. Choosing 'life' does not mean that it's an easy journey, what do you think is hard about following Christ's plan for us?

GOING DEEPER

Read Matthew 24:36-51

Q6. We don't know what the future will hold, however we know where we are going. If heaven is our eternal destination, what would it look like to live each day as if Jesus was returning that day?

Q7. Matthew 6 speaks about prayer. If we are to 'live' each day as if Jesus was returning, we have to 'give' each day to God in prayer. This means giving up our desires and taking up His. What is God asking you to let go of in order to align your future with His plans?

Pray

Loving God, help us to act each and every day as if your Son was returning, to honour you with our lives, our thoughts, our actions and our hearts. May we give up our earthly desires and replace them with yours, and may we know that the God of the past is the God who is with us today and into the future. Thank you for your promises and for the certainty of an eternity with you through Jesus Christ. In His name we pray. Amen.