

## Worship Discussion and Reflection Questions

Series: Elephant and Donkey in the Room

Sermon: Living in Exile

Scripture: Jeremiah 29:4-11

*<sup>4</sup>“Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: <sup>5</sup>Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat their produce. <sup>6</sup>Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. <sup>7</sup>But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. (Then to vs 11) <sup>8</sup>For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.*

### Reflection Questions:

- How does thinking of this fallen world as “exile” change the way you think about life? How does it change your view of politics?
- In what ways does government and politics impact your life? In what ways do you wish things were different?
- In what ways does the life you have built proclaim God’s goodness in our city and nation?
- What are some tangible ways you are seeking the good of the city and nation? In what ways can you seek it’s good?
- Would you take some time to pray for our city and nation in the spirit of Jeremiah 29:7?

### Guided Prayer:

Thank God for being King and sovereign over all things. Ask God to help you to realize we live in an exiled, broken world. Ask God to bless our city and our nation. Ask God to bless our governing officials. Ask God to give you wisdom for how you can seek shalom for our city and nation. Thank God that He is our future and hope. Thank Him that one day, you will enter into His Kingdom. In Jesus’ name, Amen.