

SERMON NOTES

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Title: Living in Babylon

Text: Jeremiah 29:4-14

Big Idea: God's people are to seek the good of the people around them, while committed to the difficult truth of God's Word and hoping in God's promise for full blessings in the future.

APPLICATION GUIDE

DISCUSS

Where do you see injustice taking place in our society today?

What is God's attitude toward injustice (Deuteronomy 16:19; Proverbs 6:16-1; Isaiah 10:1-3)?

Why does God respond this way to injustice (Psalm 89:14; Psalm 10:17-18)?

How does He want His people to respond to the injustice around us (Proverbs 24:11-12; 31:8-9; Jeremiah 22:3; Zechariah; 7:9-10)?

How has God shown true justice to secure eternal peace for all who believe (2 Corinthians 5:21)?

APPLY THE TRUTH

Because of what Christ has done, how does he want you to *personally* respond when you are the victim of injustice (Matthew 5:39; 1 Corinthians 6:7)?

Are you aware of any injustice that you can do something about? How does God want you to get involved? How can you be a force for change?

The Bible promises that God will one day judge the wicked and justice will be served (Romans 12:19; Revelation 19:1-5). How can these promises help you endure until Jesus comes again?

COMMIT THIS WEEK

Pray for God to move your heart toward compassion toward the suffering and be prepared to tell them about the true justice and eternal peace they can experience by faith in Christ Jesus.