



WORD OF LIFE CHURCH

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1. If money was no object, what is one place in the world you would like to visit?
2. Have you ever found yourself in a place where you felt like an outsider? How did you respond to that situation?

Read Jeremiah 29:4-7, 11

3. Why was it important for the people of God to get married, have kids, and form a life in Babylon during the exile?
4. What is the balance between assimilating into Babylonian culture without becoming Babylonian?

Read 1 Peter 1:1, 5:13

5. What does “Babylon” mean as a metaphor for empire?
6. What does it mean for us to have our citizenship in heaven?
7. The Epistle to Diognetus says, “Christians are no different from other people in terms of their country, language, or customs. Nowhere do they inhabit cities of their own, use a strange dialect, or live out of the ordinary. ... They inhabit both Greek and barbarian cities, according to the lot assigned to each. And they show forth the character of their own citizenship in a marvelous and admittedly paradoxical way by following local customs in what they wear and what they eat and in the rest of their lives. They live in their respective countries, but only as resident aliens; they participate in all things as citizens, and they endure all things as foreigners.”

How does this advice help us live as exiles in the modern-day Babylons we live in?

8. What is one thing you can do to demonstrate your allegiance to King Jesus where you live?