

“Renewal” Group Guide

Series: *FOLLOW*

Passage: Jeremiah 29:1-14

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GROUP QUESTIONS

Each week as you gather with your group, you will find questions to help you learn, grow, and connect. The goal is not to attempt to answer each question, but to engage with Scripture and discern what Jesus is saying to you. This is the final week of the current session of FOLLOW series groups.

1. WELCOME & CHECK-IN

- Where did you see God at work in your life since we last met?
- Choose an icebreaker question from the appendix (please refer to the *Connect Groups Follow Guide Book*).

2. FOLLOWING JESUS: Scripture & Reflection

- Read Jeremiah 29:1-14 out loud. What words or phrases stand out? What questions do you have?
- How do God’s commands to the Israelites in exile (vv. 4-7) challenge your assumptions about how God calls us to live in hard or unwanted situations? Note how long it will take to do each of the things God calls His people to do... and how long they will be in exile (v. 10).
- Reread verses 8-9. What do you think the "prophets" and "diviners" might have been saying that God claims is not from Him? Why would the people have been tempted to believe them? Are there any modern-day correlations you can think of?
- How do you reconcile the fact that if the Israelites do what God asks them to do, it will be a blessing to Babylon? Does God want Babylon to be blessed?

3. IN COMMUNITY: Sharing & Support

- God’s people aren’t called to escape the city, but to bless it. Look at the “Spheres of Influence” tool in the *Follow Guide Book*. What are some of the areas God has divinely placed you in? How do you sense Him calling you to make a difference there?
- What is Jesus saying to you, and how do you feel about what He’s saying?
- What’s one way your group can support you as you follow Jesus?

4. ON MISSION

- What are you going to do in response?
- Who will you share this with?

5. PRAYER

- Share one area in your life where you are asking God for renewal.
- Pray a blessing over each person in your group.

6. REFLECTION

- Take some time on your own this week and prayerfully consider what Jesus has done in your life over the last seven weeks of this series. How has He grown you? Where are you still being stretched? What are you thankful for? What do you sense your next step might be?