**Where Is Your Heart; Where Is Your Home #22**

March 7, 2020 – Jeremiah 29

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2. Read Jeremiah 29:1-14. Describe the setting and the circumstances of this letter. What stands out to you about these things?

3. What is the general message of God to the exiles? Why would that message have been so surprising? What challenges would there have been in walking in obedience to that word?

4. Do you think we are called to a similar task today? If so, what does it look like for God’s people to seek and pray for the welfare of the “city”? What next step of obedience is God calling you to in this?

5. What is the promise of verse 10? How does the context impact your understanding of verse 11 which often gets plucked out and quoted on its own? What do you think God still speaks to us from verse 11?

6. How does God describe His promised relationship with His people? What kind of relationship does God desire to have with us?

7. Read verses 15-32. What do you think was the message of the false prophets that Jeremiah alludes to through this chapter? How does that echo the words of the false prophets throughout this book?

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