

# GROWTH GUIDE

WORKING FOR THE GOOD OF THIS PLACE | JEREMIAH 29:4-7  
FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 26, 2023

*For you. Your family. Your group.*

## SERMON OUTLINE

1. Focus on building up, rather than tearing down.
2. A healing presence in a broken world.
3. What are we waiting for?

## GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Looking back at the passage and your notes, what was something that you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged you, or you have questions about?
2. Describe the correct meaning of Jeremiah 29:11. Give examples where you have seen Jeremiah 29:11 used that wasn't faithful to the original context and other examples where it was.
3. Some people think we should be at war with the culture. What does that look like to you? What's problematic about it? What's good about it? What's the right balance we should be striving after? How should we think about/feel toward the world?
4. Verse 7 talks about seeking the welfare of the city. What does that "welfare" actually entail? What ideas do you have of how we as individuals or as a church could seek the welfare of city? Is that the same promised welfare at the end of v7 we find as a result?
5. What are *you* waiting for? Probably most of us agree we *should* be that healing presence in our community, but what sorts of things get in your way? Any ideas on how to overcome those barriers?

## BREAKOUT DISCUSSION

1. How often do you pray for the city (v7), the government, and other officials (1 Tim 2:2)? If that's going well, what's helped you to do that regularly? If that's not going well, what's one thing God is convicting you to do differently?
2. How did your 30 days of prayer challenge go? Were you successful? Was it helpful? Do you feel like you established a new habit of prayer?

## PRAYER POINTS

1. Praise God that while we know our end, we can have confidence while remaining in the world.
2. Pray that we would seek the welfare of our city.
3. Ask God to help us to abstain from the passions of the flesh while we sojourn (1 Peter 2:11).