## EXILES - Promise

## Small Group Questions



The following questions are intended to start conversations.

Use only the ones your group finds helpful. Explore others as they come up.

Our preaching series this fall will explore the book of Jeremiah (Exiles). A set of questions will be provided each week to help you think about these stories BEFORE you listen to the sermon. It is our hope that this will encourage your own study and prepare you for the upcoming series.

- Jermiah 30-33 is sometimes referred to as the Book of Consolation. Skim this section (paying attention to section headings). What do you notice?
- Read **Jeremiah 30:1-3**. What kind of restoration does God promise—physical, spiritual, emotional, or all of these? Why does this matter?
- Read Jeremiah 30:12–17. God says he will heal the "incurable wound" among his people. What does this tell us about God? What things in our world (your life?) seem like incurable wounds?
- Read **Jeremiah 31:31–34**. God promises to make a new covenant that will not be like the covenant he made with the Israelites coming out of Egypt. What was lacking in the old covenant that required something new?
- God promises to write this new covenant on their hearts. What does this mean?
- At the Last Supper, Jesus said, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood" (Luke 22:20). How does Jesus fulfill Jeremiah's promise of a new covenant? What difference does it make to live under the new covenant instead of the old one?
- Read Jeremiah 32:6–15. Why do you think Jeremiah bought land while the city was under siege? What does this act say about faith and hope in God's promises?
- What's kind of prophetic actions might we engage in that demonstrate hope?