

# Trusting God's Plans

Jeremiah 29:11-13

## Discussion Questions

1. Are there any common Christian phrases or expressions that you think we often misuse or don't understand (like blessed or John 3:16)?
2. We know the Israelites were being disciplined when they were sent into exile and this is the context for Jeremiah 29:11-13. How does this change the way we might look at these verses?
3. If someone asked why you trust God, what would you say?
4. God often does things in ways we wouldn't choose to do. We see the Israelites going into exile. In Job it might seem like there is no point to his suffering. At the cross it seemed like defeat. But God's plans are good. What is an example in your life that God's plan for you was better than your own plan?
5. What do you think the difference is between asking "Can YOU trust God" and "Can you TRUST God"? Which is more difficult for you?
6. What might it look like for you to trust that God's plans are good more than you already do? What might it look like for us as a church?
7. What are some things that have helped your prayer life (environment, method, attitude, etc.)? What are some struggles in your prayer life?
8. Does knowing that God hears you encourage you to trust Him more? Why or why not?
9. Do you know that God loves you? Do you know that God likes you? Is there a difference? If so, how would you describe the difference?
10. If you were to say one thing that is holding you back from going deeper with God, what would that be (fear of disappointing God, laziness, difficulty believing I am truly forgiven, fear of having to change my behavior, etc.)? How does trusting God's plan apply to or inform this issue?