

MISSION 2020
EMBODY LOVE – JEREMIAH 29:1-14
SCRIPTURE & SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE – SEPTEMBER 27

OPEN

1. What is one way you sought to enjoy God's grace this past week?

This week, we continue reflecting on our mission by considering what it means to embody love in these trying times. Running throughout Pastor Curtis's sermon is the call to view our relationships in the church through a covenantal lens in which we pursue maturity together. **READ JEREMIAH 29:4-14.**

DISCUSS

2. Unlike others prophets (like Hananiah), Jeremiah spoke hard truth to God's people. And we see in Ephesians 4:15 and Colossians 3:16 that speaking truth is a community project. Who have you invited to speak into your life over the past few months? What has the Holy Spirit revealed to you through their words?
3. To what extent have you experienced our community group as a place where we've spoken God's truth directly and specifically to one another? What do you think needs to happen for us to grow in this area?
4. Are there any specific people or conversations that the Spirit brought to your mind as you listened to Pastor Curtis preach? What do you sense the Spirit calling you to do?
5. If someone were to look at your life over these past 3-6 months, how might they describe your purpose and mission? Who do you have a friendship with that challenges you—in the words of the Apostle Paul—to “look not only to [your] own interests, but also to the interests of others” (Philippians 2:4)?
6. How is God inviting to you to refocus your time, talent, and treasure right now? How do you want us to challenge and encourage you in following God's leading?
7. How have you been encouraged by others in this season? What do you wish you had heard in these last few months? What promises from God's word do you need to rest in right now?

PRAY

Ask for the Spirit to strengthen and empower you to grow in covenantal fellowship with one another and others within the church. Begin or conclude your time of prayer by reading and receiving Paul's words from 1 Thessalonians 5:12-24, especially verses 23-24:

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.