

Day 1

Dan Self - WCC

What does God expect from his people while they are in exile?

Read

“Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.” **Jeremiah 29:5-7**

Think

The exiles were removed from the routine and comfort of their lives; we have been removed from many of the routines and comforts of our lives. According to this passage, what do you think Jesus would tell us about our current situation? Should we sit and wait for it to pass, or should we use this opportunity to be active in ministering to those around us?

Reflect

Think about how you might use this situation to take the next step in your relationship with Jesus. Write down an idea for each of the following:

- Who is a person in need in your life that you wouldn't normally reach out to? How does this season present a unique opportunity to extend the love of Jesus to an anxious, scared, or helpless person?
- How can you take the next step in your relationship with Jesus, even in the midst of a confusing season?
- God, through Jeremiah, tells the exiles to “settle down” and to “build houses”- basically, to make themselves at home in a country that is not their own. How can we, as a Wed Night community, settle into this season and trust God like never before?

Pray

God, thank you that through you, a difficult season does not **stop** my relationship with you, but just provides a unique opportunity for me to experience you in a new way. Empower me through your Holy Spirit to not just make the most of this season, but to be a part of expanding your kingdom in a whole new way. Use me to continue your work to the poor, the outsider, and the anxious.

Day 2

Marty Miranda - BCC

Jesus is never changing.

Read

*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. **Hebrews 13:8***

Think

A lot is changing in our world right now. *With event cancelations, school closures, and news updates every hour, we live in an ever-changing landscape.* But Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever. In light of this scripture, what do you think about the idea of Jesus being the same? How does it bring you comfort knowing Jesus is the same?

Reflect

Get a piece of paper out, and take a few minutes to write a list of things in your life that have changed in the past two weeks. Now, turn the paper over, and write who Jesus is, and always will be for you. Read Colossians 1:15-20, John 10:11-15, and John 11:25-26 for verses about who Jesus is and always will be.

Pray

God, thank you that I can trust you when my life feels unsettled, and circumstances in my life are outside of my control. Thank you for being the same, yesterday, today and forever. Help me to know and experience your peace. In Jesus name, Amen.

Day 3

Dayne Scanlon - WCC

Who is God calling you to love?

Read

*"Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other. Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically. Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying." **Romans 12:9-12***

Think

This is certainly a time where we are going to be tempted to focus on ourselves. **My** vacation got canceled, **my** favorite restaurant is closed, **my** brother is annoying... **ME. ME, ME, ME...** What if a way to get through this season of quarantine and fear is to focus on the needs of those around us?

Reflect

Who might God be calling you to love in this season? Maybe you're getting sick of your family after being stuck in the same house with them for a while. How can you love and serve them today? Paul's charge to the church is to love others, then rejoice that we have hope, and never stop praying. So let's do that. Let's have this be the season where we grow closer with our families by serving and loving them, all under the umbrella of prayer!

Pray

God, thank you for my family. Help me to honor them in a way that would give you glory. I ask that you would encourage me, and help spur me on to love those around me well. God, you are my hope, and I put hope and trust fully in you!

Day 4

Chrissy Davis - HCC

How are you coping with fear?

Read

"I prayed to the Lord, and he answered me. He freed me from all my fears. Those who look to him for help will be radiant with joy; no shadow of shame will darken their faces. In my desperation, I prayed, and the Lord listened; he saved me from all my troubles. For the angel of the Lord is a guard; he surrounds and defends all who fear him." Psalm 34:4-6

Think

In this unsteady season, how have you been coping with your anxiety? Have you been allowing uncertainty to push you towards God or away from him? Take a moment to think about and list out loud to God what you're fearing most right now.

Reflect

Set an alarm on your phone for 1 pm daily, and pray for someone who you know who may not be praying for him or herself. Then pray for the fears you have at that time.

Pray

God thank you for your care for me, for being close to me, and offering me freedom from fear and joy instead. Help me to choose to lean into my relationship with you, rather than running from you in my fear.

Day 5

Josie Self - WCC

Who are you taking cues from?

Read

*One day Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side of the lake." So they got into a boat and set out. As they sailed, he fell asleep. A squall came down on the lake, so that the boat was being swamped, and they were in great danger. The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Master, Master, we're going to drown!" He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided, and all was calm. "Where is your faith?" he asked his disciples. In fear and amazement they asked one another, "Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him." **Luke 8:22-25***

Think

In his message this week, Dan shared that Jesus gives us peace in the midst of life's hardest seasons. We have access to Jesus's peace by taking cues from His countenance. Think about training an animal. The animal takes its cues from its master. If the master is calm, the animal will be calm. If the master gives a command, the animal obeys. As disciples of Jesus, we take our cues from Jesus. Did you notice that while the disciples are panicking, Jesus is sleeping? When they wake Him, Jesus asks, "where is your faith?" In other words He's saying, do you see me freaking out? Jesus is constantly at peace, never swallowed by the storm or worry.

Reflect

What aspect of Jesus do you need to take cues from today? Do you need His peace? His patience? His calm? His wisdom? Let the character of Jesus shape you today. Seek Him first and let your thoughts, words, and actions be shaped by who *He* is. Ask that He would shape you to be more like Him today.

Pray

God, thank you for being constant in an ever changing world. Thank you for being my source of peace and calm in the storms that I am facing today. Please help me to see where you are at work. Help me to take my cues from you, not the world. I want to be more like you and I ask that you would mold and shape me into your likeness.