

NS LIFE GROUPS

NorthStar Church

The Master Plan—(Standalone Message)

Jeremiah 29:4-14

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Main Idea: Believe, Receive, and Pray God's Plan

Icebreaker:

Do you have a certain slogan or a maxim that you live by or quote to others as advice? Can you explain how that came to be a big part of your life or why it's important to you? (Allow group members to share their experiences.)

Study:

Jeremiah 29:11 has been a "slogan" verse for many people.

Read Jeremiah 29:4-14, and then use your sermon notes, the following points from the sermon, and the scripture to read and discuss among your group.

1. Believe it (v.11a) -- Also read Isaiah 55:8-9

- a. Is it difficult to understand that God actually knows every detail of the future of our lives? Why or why not?
- b. Do you find it hard or easy to trust God's goodness in knowing those plans and bringing them about? Why or why not?

2. Receive it (v.11b)

- a. What does Pastor Scott mean by the need to simply "receive" God's plan for our lives?
- b. How do we do this?

3. Pray it (v.12)

- a. Why is prayer important in discerning and walking out God's plan for our lives?
- b. What should we be praying? (*God, please guide me; help me be faithful to walk it out today; etc.*)

Application:

God's plan is for you to **find Him, know Him, and walk with Him. (v. 12-14)**

All of the above about God's plans should lead us to praise Him:

1. For what He has already done.

- What has God already done in your life that you need to praise Him for? Have you and do you praise Him for those things? (*think salvation, relationships, job, city, church, health, healing, finances, etc.*)

2. For what He is going to do.

- What do you need to praise God for in advance, trusting that he will be faithful to bring about good, God-glorifying plans in your life? (*Deliver you, guide you, heal you, open doors for you, provide a friend, job, spouse, a child, a calling, a ministry, hope, dream, future, etc.*)

Pray:

Pray for each person in your group and their various requests. Pray for anything that anyone brought up during group time regarding God's plans for their lives. Pray that God would guide us and help us be faithful to walk out His plans each day.