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Connect Group Sermon Aligned Discussion Guide.

Series Title: Thrive In 2025
Key Scripture: Jeremiah 29:1-14
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Main Point: Jeremiah 29:11,
“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

Starter:
Have you made any New Year resolutions? What are good habits you’ve learned in the last year to incorporate for this new year?

What strategies can help someone stay motivated throughout the year to maintain their resolutions?

Discussion:
Jeremiah 29:5-7 encourages the exiles to settle down and seek the peace of the city where they’ve been placed.

- How can we "bloom where we are planted" in our current circumstances, even when they are not ideal?
- What are some practical ways we can contribute to the prosperity of our community or workplace, as Jeremiah 29:7 encourages?

Jeremiah 29:8-9 warns against false prophets and deceivers. In today’s world, we have access to a lot of information through the news, social media or a simple word search in Google. Do you think this content can lead us astray?

- How can we discern truth from deception?
- How do we ensure that we are living by the Word of God rather than the opinions or trends of the world?

In Jeremiah 29:10, God promises to fulfill His plan after 70 years. How can we trust God’s timing when things feel delayed or uncertain in our lives?

Reflecting on God's promise to prosper and not harm His people, how can we remain confident in His plan even when circumstances seem to contradict it?

Diving Deeper:

How does recognizing God's sovereignty in both our struggles and successes shape our perspective on life's challenges?

In what areas of your life do you struggle with trusting that God is in control? How can we actively remind ourselves of His faithfulness?

Jeremiah 29:13-14 speaks about seeking God with all our hearts.

- What does it mean to seek God wholeheartedly, and how do we cultivate this kind of devotion in our daily lives?
- How can you apply Jeremiah 29:12-14 in your prayer life to deepen your relationship with God?

What are some practical steps you can take this year to grow in your faith and trust God more deeply, both individually and as a community?