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Series Title: Bless The City
Key Scripture: Jeremiah 29:1-7, NIV
Recorded Sermon: www.woodvale.ca/pastservices/v/bless -the-city
Date + Speaker: Guest Pastor Jason Luscombe – Sept. 20th, 2026

Starter:
Think of someone who seems to make a place better simply by being there. What does that person do that makes such a difference?

Discussion:

1. After reading Jeremiah 29:1–7, what part of God's instructions to the Israelites stands out to you most, and why?

2. Why was it important for the Israelites to continue building, planting, and growing instead of putting their lives on hold while they were in Babylon? (Jeremiah 29:5–6)

3. Jesus did not pray for His followers to be removed from the world, but for them to be protected while living in it. How can you remain spiritually grounded while still being present and engaged with the people around you? (John 17:15)

4. How can Christians stand against darkness while still showing love and humility? (Matthew 16:18)

5. Jeremiah encouraged God's people not only to pray for their city, but also to work for its well-being. What are some practical ways Christians can help their communities flourish? (Jeremiah 29:7)

6. How can Christians show respect and pray for government leaders even when they disagree with some of their decisions? (Jeremiah 29:7)

7. What is the difference between simply keeping the peace and actively making peace? What might it look like for a Christian to sow peace in a difficult or divided situation? (James 3:18)

8. What difference could it make in a community when Christians choose to be present, become a blessing, and faithfully represent Jesus? (Jeremiah 29:7; James 3:18)

Reflection:
God has placed you where you are for a purpose. As you remain present, serve others, and carry out His love and peace, your everyday life can become a visible expression of His kingdom.