

NEIGHBORING

Loving our neighbors around the world and across the street



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Seek the Welfare of the City Jeremiah 29:3-14

What might happen if we actually followed Jesus' command to love God and love others?
What might happen if we loved our literal neighbors well?

How are we to live strategically as exiles?

- Invest where we are.
- Seek the welfare of the city.

“One can dictate a peace; shalom is a mutual agreement.

Peace is a temporary pact; shalom is a permanent agreement.

One can make a peace treaty; shalom is the condition of peace.

Peace can be negative, the absence of commotion.

Shalom is positive, the presence of serenity.

Peace can be partial; shalom is whole.

Peace can be piecemeal; shalom is complete.” - Rabbi Robert Kahn

What does it look like to seek the shalom or the welfare of the city?

- Be people of peace.
- Be people of the Word.

“If we minimize grace, the world sees no hope for salvation. If we minimize truth, the world sees no need for salvation.”

-Randy Alcorn, *The Grace and Truth Paradox*

Further Study

Read: Jeremiah 29:3-14 in your group or with at least one other person.

1. Have someone read it while everyone reads along.
2. Have someone else read it while everyone else listens.
3. Have someone recount the text from memory in their own words.

Discuss:

1. What does the passage reveal about God?
2. What does the passage reveal about humanity?

Act:

1. If this passage is from God, what should change about how you live?
2. Who needs to hear the truth of this Scripture that you can share it with this week? Identify a time this week when you might have the opportunity to share with them.