

The Time is NOW



... To Know Him



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This is what the LORD says: "You will be in Babylon for seventy years. But then I will come and do for you all the good things I have promised, and I will bring you home again. For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. In those days when you pray, I will listen. If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me. I will be found by you," says the LORD. "I will end your captivity and restore your fortunes. I will gather you out of the nations where I sent you and will bring you home again to your own land." Jeremiah 29:10-14 (NLT)

1. I am uniquely _____ and _____ by God.

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father." For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children. Romans 8:14-16 (NLT)

2. I can _____ and _____ God.

The LORD gave me this message: "I knew you before I formed you in your mother's womb. Before you were born I set you apart and appointed you as my prophet to the nations." Jeremiah 1:4-5 (NLT)

3. God is giving me _____ and a _____.

"And work for the peace and prosperity of the city where I sent you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, for its welfare will determine your welfare." Jeremiah 29:7 (NLT)

...I have learned how to be content with whatever I have. I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little. For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength. Philippians 4:11-13 (NLT)

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1. I am uniquely DESIGNED and LOVED by God.

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2. I can KNOW and EXPERIENCE God.

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Discussion Questions

Week 1

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[CONNECT]

As we enter into a brand new year, it's typical for us to begin with visions, and dreams, and charts full of things that begin with "I'm going to..." What are some things that might make your list? (Examples below...)

- "The time is now for me to...get into shape"
- "The time is now for me to...get healthy mentally"
- "The time is now for me to...connect better with my family"

[ENGAGE]

What stood out to you from this weekend's message?

[GROW]

Read Romans 13:10-12 and discuss how verses 11-12 speak to you in the way of urgency. What do you believe Paul is communicating to us today?

Read Jeremiah 29:10-14. In what ways and circumstances have you heard vs. 11 used in the past? What are some ways we connect this verse to our own situations? How might we misuse this verse?

1. I am uniquely designed and loved by God.

Have you ever wondered, "Where's God?" Talk about a time in your life where you wondered where God was in your situation.

2. I can know and experience God.

Read Jeremiah 1:4-5 and discuss what it means to be known by God. Have you ever wondered what your purpose in life is? For what purpose do you feel God created you?

3. God is giving me hope and a future.

So many times, we have taken the word "prosperity" out of context, or fashioned it into the mold of our own definitions? From the message, what would you now say about the word "prosperity" in regards to how God views it?

[LEAD (YOURSELF)]

Philippians 4:11-13 (NLT) *...I have learned how to be content with whatever I have. I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little. For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.*

Take this verse to heart and make it part of your daily or weekly prayer life. If we can learn to be content with what God has given to us, we would begin to gain a new perspective of the way he loves and cares for us.