

Living in Exile - Discussion Questions

- Fran talked a lot about this idea of “locating” our lives in the context of God’s Story. Had you ever thought about something like that before? Do you feel like you’ve done that with your life?
- Jeremiah said God wanted His people to focus on their exile as “home” rather than longing for it to be over (Jer. 29:4,5,7) . What difference do you think it will make, on which of those two you and I focus on right now?
- Times like this serve as a refining fire. They burn away things that aren’t genuine or permanent (Prov. 25:4). Has God shown you anything about your own life so far that’s surprised you? Anything about your heart that you didn’t know was there?
- Fran said that there are many ways for us to be “present” even when we’re absent. Which of these do you think would mean most to someone else: a text or letter, a phone call, a Skype or FaceTime call? Or put another way, words by themselves, the sound of your voice, talking face to face? Why? (2 John 12)
- Fran made a big deal about being “still” and creating space for God to talk to us (Ps. 46:10; 1 Kg. 19:11). Have you seen your life be quieter or noisier since the pandemic? Are there any adjustment you need to make to create space for God to speak?