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New Message Series: Rooted: Planting Deep For Community Transformation

Jeremiah 29:4-7

1. "Be Doers Rather Than Doomsters"

TRUTH: 1) God called the Jewish exiles to <u>embrace Babylon</u> for <u>His Glory</u> - and this is <u>what</u> we are called to do as well.

Jeremiah 29:4

2) When we <u>accept God's</u> sovereign direction for our lives <u>joyfully</u> -we have taken a <u>major step towards</u> <u>Revival</u>.

Jeremiah 29:5, 6

3) True Christ Followers are to "put down roots" - relationally <u>connecting</u> to others, living <u>open</u> lives, <u>connecting heart to heart</u>.

Jeremiah 29:7

⇒ Jesus doesn't want just "<u>deciders</u>", He wants <u>disciples</u> - those who are wiling to be <u>devoted</u> to becoming <u>more like Him</u> everyday.

Psalm 1:1-3

2. Christs Kingdom-Mindedness: Ways To Reach Our Area

1) Lovingly, Joyfully: Sharing the Good News of Christ go Blind, Skeptical People.

Acts 14:8-16

2) Living Out the Love of Christ

Ephesians 5:2

John 17:34

Sadly: Many go to church for inspiration but don't connect in real caring or serving.

1 John 3:16-18

- 3) Sharing Christ Lifestyle: Spiritual Radar Always On
- ⇒ At work, when shopping, praying everyday for "God appointments"

John 15:13

1 John 4:16, 17

3. Our Motive: To Glorify God

- 1) People <u>will not listen</u> to us if we are simply out to increase our own church numbers and influence.
- 2) <u>Culture</u> will <u>not change</u> if we Christ Followers <u>separate</u> ourselves from our <u>gospel</u> beliefs in our jobs and public lives.

Jeremiah 29:7 "Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper."