

Discussion Guide: Week 4

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Scriptures

Big Idea

Jeremiah 29:4-14

Your tomorrow can be different than today.

- 1. What is one bad result that can come from fantasizing about the future?
 - When have you seen this play out in someone's life (or even your own)?
- 2. What are the features of God's dream for his people in Jeremiah 29:10-14?
 - If you were in the exiles' shoes, do you think God's dream would sound realistic or more like fantasy? Why do you think that?
- 3. What are the features of God's plan for his people in verses 4-7?
 - In 1 Peter 1:1, the Apostle Peter calls ordinary Christians "exiles" wherever they live. What are three ways we can practice God's plan for the exiles of Jeremiah's day in our own lives today?
- 4. In your own words, what is the difference between dreaming and planning?
 - Are you better at dreaming or better at planning? Why do you say so?
- 5. Have you ever tried to get better at dreaming or at planning, but it didn't go well? If so, what went wrong?

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- If there was someone in your life to help you become a better dreamer or a better planner, what is the best thing they could do to help you?
- Who would you ask to help you that way?
- 6. Take 15 minutes to complete the table below. In each cell, jot down a list of one to three brief notes. In the end, you'll have what's good, what's not so good, and what you dream for each area of your life

Area of Life What's Good Now	? What's Not So Good Now?	My Hope 3 Years from Now?
Personal Health	I	II
Relationships	11	I
Work/Retirement	II	I
Life with God	I	I