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Go around and let everyone answer on the following question...

What is something you are looking forward to right now and why?

DIG

How does what you are looking forward to in the future affect where you are right now?

Read Jeremiah 31.3-5

"I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness. I will build you up again, and you, Virgin Israel, will be rebuilt. Again you will take up your timbrels and go out to dance with the joyful. Again you will plant vineyards on the hills of Samaria; the farmers will plant them and enjoy their fruit.

What does this promise say about God's commitment to His people?

How do you think these words would have affected those hearing them?

Why is it so important to hang on to God's promises of faithfulness?

Even though God's people hadn't been faithful, God continued to show He wasn't giving up on them. What does God's continual faithfulness say about God's plan for us?

Read Jeremiah 31.7

"Sing with joy for Jacob; shout for the foremost of the nations. Make your praises heard, and say, 'Lord, save your people, the remnant of Israel.'

The response to the things to come was praise now. How can we live out the hope of things to come right now?

APPLY

How can you apply some of idea from this discussion to where you are right now?

Close in a time of prayer.

Leaders

Big Idea

Israel was delivered from bondage, given the Law, settled in the promised land, granted King David, and had a covenant with the one true God. But they swapped out the true story for a thousand fake stories--built around idols and other gods. As a result, God punished them and sent them into exile.

Special Considerations

You may likely be conducting your LIFE Group meetings via video in an online setting during this time. While it might feel less personal than an in-home meeting, this could actually be a great time for your group to renew its concern for each other by making special efforts to connect throughout the week. Consider sending out prayer requests, well-wishes, or updated via text or email during the week. Likewise, your group might consider adding a brief, mid-week video conference just to pray and check in.

Group Discussion Reminder

Our LIFE Groups are a great place to pour out the love we share into the lives of others. We can't keep this love and community to ourselves. Who do you know that might benefit from being part of your group? Share those names, pray for them, and ask God to give you the courage to talk to them about visiting your group.