

Our Future

Jeremiah 29:10-14

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Restoration

Think About It!
Outline: Recap

Talk About It!
Points to Ponder

Do It!
Questions to draw out understanding.

Think About It!

All of us want to be successful in life...but so often, when we chase our own version of success, we wind up with a huge mess on our hands. That's why we need to look to God's Word in the Bible for an eternal definition of success—one that's never going to backfire and get us or others hurt. In fact, God's plans for our future are always beyond our craziest dreams, guaranteed to satisfy the longings of our hearts, and sure to glorify God and bless other people too!

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Talk About It!

1. We build our lives on Jesus

- **Jeremiah 20:10-14**
- **Parent Notes**
 - **Have you ever seen someone fix something that was broken down? That's called restoration!** That's the kind of work that God wants to do in our hearts. Sometimes, we pray for God to fix problems in our lives, but he wants to fix the problems in our hearts.
 - **Is there anything broken in your life that God could help you fix?** God doesn't just want what is good for us, he wants what is best for us! He knows that we need to be transformed and restored in our hearts first. When he fixes what is broken in us, we can help him as he fixes the problems around us.

2. We live upward, inward and outward

- **Parent Notes**
 - **How do we know that God is fixing the right things?** We can trust God because he is perfect! If we remember that and keep God as the most important thing, all the things we want to see fixed make more sense. Trouble happens for us when we get these things out of order. When we love God first, all our other "loves" fall into line.
 - **What is the best way to help others when they're broken?** We love lots of people, and when they're broken, we want to fix them, but we can't fix them, only God can. But when we know that we are loved by God, his love flows out of us and helps to fix people when they are broken.

3. We remember that we are better together

- **Parent Notes**

- **Has someone ever helped you when you felt a little broken?** God never saves us for isolation—he saves us into our family, the church! God uses the people in our lives to speak to us and work through us. Every day that we love and are loved by others, we are giving God the opportunity to restore us and those we love.
- **Do you see anything broken in the world that God might want to fix?** The Church is one family, with lots of different kinds of people. We all see the world in different ways and are good at different things. Instead of fighting about what makes us different. We need to remember what makes us family—Jesus.

4. We are transformed people who transform people

- **Parent Notes**

- **How have you see God fix the world around you?** The love of Jesus is so big, that it splashes out of the church and into the world. As Jesus transforms us, people who are watching us want to be transformed too!
- **How has God fixed broken things in you?** Jesus is always restoring us. We don't need to come to him all fixed. He knows that we're broken, and he wants to help us every day. We just need to let him do his work and trust that he knows best!

Optional Follow-up Questions:

- What makes you say that?
- What makes you say that?
- How does that make you feel?
- How would you explain this to someone who doesn't know Jesus?
- Why do you think God did it that way?
- Why should we do the things that God tells us?