



Small Group Discussion Guide

September 24, 2017

Sermon Title:

"Searching for God"

Sermon Text: Jeremiah 29:10-14

Scripture Reading: 1 Kings 19:9-12

Leader: *Please allow a moment for introductions/visiting, and then have someone offer a brief prayer for God to meet with your group.*

Getting Started: What is your normal response when you misplace or lose something? Do you search for it until you find it or give up after a relatively short time? Do you ever go back to the same place and start your search all over again? That is insanity! 😊

Discussion:

1. Saint Augustine is quoted to have said, "Thou hast made us for Thyself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it finds rest in Thee." How do you understand this quote. Does it find application in your life?
2. **Jeremiah 29:11** is a familiar verse. (Read it.) Have you ever heard this verse used around the church? FYI- The gifts we give to our graduating seniors have this verse engraved on it.
3. Have you ever felt like you were searching for God, but couldn't find Him? (**Reference verse 13**) When does God say He will be found? Are you doing that?
4. God wants to make His presence known to us. The issue is that sometimes God may choose to be a little more subtle than we desire. How might He make His presence known? Consider each of these events as a successful search for God:

*An obvious answer to prayer

*An unexpected evidence of God's grace and care

*Any unusual linkage or timing

*Any help to do God's work in the world

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