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## E. DEEPENING YOUR WALK WITH GOD/ INTIMACY WITH GOD

*E.12: I know why I am here. [Jeremiah 29:10-12]*

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### **A STORY**

My neighbor told me about some friends she walks with about their question “What is the meaning of life? How do I make sense out of my life?” This occurs to all kinds of folks who question their personal worth. Often, they have experienced turmoil through family, marriage, childbearing, or employment. Recently someone we were discipling was asking that question. We started with:

### **DIGGING INTO THE BIBLE**

#### **Jeremiah 29:10-12:**

*This is what the LORD says: “When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my good promise to bring you back to this place. <sup>11</sup> For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. <sup>12</sup> Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.*

### **DISCUSSION AND DISCOVERY**

1. What did you discover in this passage about God’s promises?

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2. How do promises in the Bible work for us today? For You?

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3. What study have you done on the promises of God?

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4. How do you feel when you hear the phrase, “I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord?”

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### **APPLICATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

5. What do you think His plans are for you?

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6. How does knowing that he gives you a future and a hope impact you today?  
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7. How do you combine his promises and his plans to see more clearly what he wants to do through your life?  
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8. How does that make you feel when you see how much He values you?  
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9. What practical steps in the near future can you take to see His plans and promises for you?  
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10. How does that give you strength in your sense of meaning in life?  
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11. How can you convey meaning through your life to the lives of others who also lack that sense of value?  
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12. When will you get started on this journey?  
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**DIGGING IN DEEPER**

1. What is the most important part of this lesson to you? Explain.  
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2. How do you see applying aspects of this lesson to your life?  
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3. When do you feel would be the best time to make that application?  
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4. What do you hear the Lord speaking to you about this right now?

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**SIMILAR VERSES IN THE BIBLE**

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