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Focus There is hope in the name of Jesus. There may be a time when God does not give us a miracle but instead allows us to be a miracle for someone else. However, we should never abandon hope. When we put our hope in Him, He frees us of our past and heals the broken pieces within us. God has a purpose and a plan for each one of us.

Fun What big plans did you have for yourself as you were growing up?

Review Key Scripture: Jeremiah 29:11–14

1. God has a plan for us.

We are not to believe who the world says we are. We are children of God and He loves us. While we were yet sinners, God sent His son to die for us to set us free from sin. He gives us a brand new life and His plan for each of us is unique; however, we were all meant to be ambassadors for the King of Kings. We are royalty!

2. God has a purpose for us.

The temporary things of this world do not satisfy. When we give our lives to Jesus, He saves us so we can live for a greater purpose. That purpose is to know Jesus and to tell others about Him. When we put our hope in Jesus, that is all we need.

Group Dynamics Idea Encourage group members to ask God what His specific plan and purpose is for their lives. As a reminder, suggest that they write down in a journal or in their Bible what God shows them. Every journey starts with one step.

Discuss

1. What are God's thoughts toward us (Jeremiah 29:11)? What should our response be to Him (Jeremiah 29:12)?
2. Read Jeremiah 29:13–14, then list the promises God makes to those who truly seek Him.
3. Share God's words of encouragement to us from Psalm 139:14 and Philippians 4:13.
4. Is God's power limited by circumstances (Ephesians 3:20)? How can we apply this verse to our lives?
5. Read Romans 8:28. If you are comfortable doing so, give an example from your life how God worked things together for your good.
6. Take a moment to quietly come before the Lord. If you do not know Jesus, ask Him to forgive your past and invite Him into your life. Living for Jesus is a great joy! He has a purpose and a plan especially for you.

Take Home As we conclude, remember the following:

- God heals the broken pieces inside of us.
- God's truth overcomes the world's lies.
- Serving God is our greatest purpose.
- Telling others about Jesus is our greatest joy!

Prayer

Father, I am sorry for my past mistakes. Thank You, Jesus, for being my Savior. I want to live for You. Help me get to know You better, one day at a time. You are my hope and my redeemer. In Jesus' name, Amen.

New Leader Tip Be an encourager!