

HOPE FOR THE CITY

Jeremiah 29:1-14

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- My wife tells me that it is a crime to open other people's mail . . .
but that's exactly what we will be doing this morning . . .
- The message of this letter tells us how God expects Hope City Church to live in this culture and in our city . . .

1. BELIEVE THAT WE ARE WHERE GOD WANTS US TO BE (Jere 29:1-3)

→ We are in the PLACE of His S_____ C_____

→ Psalm 31:21 "...has made marvelous His lovingkindness to me in a besieged city"

2. ENTER INTO THE LIFE OF THE CITY (Jere 29:4-6)

→ God has a PLAN for S_____ E_____

3. TAKE AN ACTIVE ROLE IN PURSUING THE WELL BEING OF OUR CITY (Jere 29:7)

→ We have a PRIORITY of S_____ I_____

→ Our cities are in crisis

NORWALK STATS:

- Population: 105k ... 58th most densely populated city in CA... 9.75 sq miles
- 67.7% of people live in a home where a language other than English is spoken
- Housing expenses are 118% higher than the national average

2020 crime rate is higher than 76.6 % of US cities

Last 5 years has seen rise in violent crime

4 homicides/yr

207 major crimes: murder, rape, burglary, robbery, assaults, auto theft, arson

SF Spngs 464; Artesia 229; Cerritos 200; Bellflower 265; Downey 188; La Mirada 127;

Lkwd 193

Your chance of becoming a victim of violent or property crime is 1 in 43

→ Solution??

4. ENJOY GOD'S PROMISED BLESSINGS (29:10-14)

→ We have a PROMISE of S_____ R_____

SO WHAT? NOW WHAT? TAKING IT HOME!!

1. What are some practical ways to become involved in our city?

2. How can we Pray for our city?

3. Can you serve an ORA (Out Reach Area)?

-Pray for those in your ORA

-Prayer walk/drive your ORA

→ Genesis 13:17 "Go, **walk** through the length and breadth of the land, for I am giving it to you."

→ Joshua 1:3: I will give you every place where you **set your foot**, as I promised Moses.

→ Joshua 6:2-3 "I have given Jericho into your hands . . . **march around** the city

-Pass out postcards/flyers in your ORA