

# mission

: RESTORE THE CITY

## Ice Breaker

If you could instantly have perfect vision in one area of life (not just eyesight, but perhaps clarity in decisions, relationships, goals, etc.), what would it be and why?

**Read:** Jeremiah 29:4-14, Daniel 1:17, Matthew 11:28

## Discussion Questions:

- Opening Thought: It's an Open-Book Test
  - What does the idea of an "open-book test" mean to you in the context of faith?
- Testing Hurts (Pain) — 1 Peter 1:6–7, Luke 22:42–44
  - Can you recall a time when a painful experience refined your faith?
  - How does knowing Jesus experienced agony help you relate to Him during your own trials?
  - What's one way you've seen growth come from discomfort?
- Testing Builds Character (Purpose) — Romans 5:3–4, James 1:3
  - What helps you persevere when the purpose of a test isn't immediately clear?
  - What "answers" from God's Word or Spirit have helped you through a recent challenge?
- God is Always With Us (Presence) — Deuteronomy 31:6, Isaiah 43:2
  - Have you ever felt like God was distant during a test? What helped you reconnect?
  - What does God's promise of presence mean to you in moments of fear or uncertainty?
  - How can we remind each other that God hasn't "left the room"?
- The Reward After the Test (Promise) — James 1:12
  - What does "the crown of life" represent to you?
  - How do you stay focused on God's promises when the test feels overwhelming?
- Reflection / Application
  - What test are you in right now, and how are you navigating it?
  - Where do you feel pain, discomfort, or fear — how might God be working in that space?
  - How can you lean into the "open book" God has given you this week?

Share prayer requests and close in prayer.

