

Blessing Babylon
Embracing Exile week 5
Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: "Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper." (Jer. 29:4-7 NIV)

Jeremiah is calling us back to the beginning.

Genesis 1:27-28

1. Be _____, and _____ (v 28)
God is the only _____ of the _____

2. _____ the earth * (v 28)
 - *oikonomia*, or "_____", = the root of the word "economy"
 - our lives are intertwined and connected and that things to which God has called us make us part of a great household of people who care for one another, minister to each other through our work.
 - We are also _____ with God.
 - We are _____
 - What is our _____ to the culture around us?

3. Have _____ / subdue it (v28)
 - _____ it.

"By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:35

Go and be a reflection of God's beauty!