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**Seek the welfare of our city!**

3. Ask \_\_\_\_\_

**Who will do it?**

III. \_\_\_\_\_ the welfare of our city!

1.

2.

3.

**What is it?**

I. \_\_\_\_\_

1. *Shalom*

2. Covenant

3. Rest

**How do we do it?**

II. \_\_\_\_\_ your life

A. \_\_\_\_\_

1. Build \_\_\_\_\_

2. Establish \_\_\_\_\_

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Our hope is that you would come to your Growth Group having worked through and written down answers to the following questions in advance. This will allow for engaged and vibrant discussion together. Since space is limited on this sheet, we encourage you to use a separate notepad or notebook for recording your answers.

**CONNECTING with One Another**

Open your time, by checking in with one another to see how you're doing and how one another's week was. It may be helpful to ask a fun "get to know you question" or two.

**EXPLORING God's Word with One Another**

1. Read Jeremiah 29:1-9.
2. What are the circumstances that have brought these Jewish believers from Jerusalem to Babylon? Why is that important to keep in mind?
3. What are some practical conflicts committed Jewish believers would have to face in living out the exhortations of vv. 5-7?
4. Why do these Jewish believers need to be exhorted to engage so fully in daily life of Babylon? What's the alternative and why is that concerning?
5. What do vv. 8-14 tell us about their situation in Babylon?

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**APPLYING God's Word with One Another**

1. Share how you saw God work during Serve Day Central Coast this year.
2. In what ways are the Israelites living in exile similar to Christians living today? In what ways are they different?
3. What are potential conflicts Christian believers may face in seeking the *Shalom* of our communities?
4. What are some dangers of Christians engaging so fully in the life of the world around us?
5. What are some dangers of neglecting to engage with the world around us?
6. What are some practical and concrete ways you (and perhaps your group!) can seek the *Shalom* of our community?

**PRAYING for One Another**

1. Quickly share personal requests.
2. Use the truth of the message as a "springboard" to pray for your personal growth and your Growth Group.