



Declaring Our Dependence

Jeremiah 29: 4-7

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1. How have you seen God working in your life or in the lives of others this week?

2. Read and re-read Jeremiah 29:4–7 together.

(You may also read Romans 1:29–31 and Romans 13:1–7 if time permits.)

3. What stood out to you most from the sermon or these passages? Why?

4. The sermon described *storgē* as "natural affection"—the love we have for the people, places, and communities God has used to shape us.

- What are some of the people or places God has used to form your life for which you are especially grateful?
- Why do you think gratitude for those gifts matters spiritually?

5. The sermon argued that our culture often encourages us to become "self-made" and independent rather than grateful and dependent upon God.

- Where do you see that mindset in our culture?
- Have you ever found yourself resisting dependence on God or distancing yourself from the people or responsibilities He has given you?

6. Jeremiah told God's people to "seek the peace and prosperity of the city" where God had placed them—even though they were living in Babylon.

- What do you think it looks like for Christians today to seek the welfare of their community?
- What are some practical ways we can bless our neighborhoods, schools, workplaces, or nation without confusing them with the Kingdom of God?

7. The sermon warned against two opposite dangers: cynicism toward our country and making our country an idol.

- Which temptation do you think Christians around you are more likely to struggle with?
- Which temptation are you personally more likely to face?
- How does keeping Jesus as our highest allegiance help us avoid both extremes?

8. The sermon concluded by calling us to "receive God's gifts with gratitude, steward them with humility, and leave them better than we found them."

- What is one relationship, responsibility, or place God has entrusted to you that you can steward more faithfully this week?
- How can this group pray for and encourage you in that commitment?

Reminders:

- **Renew Creative and Renew Creative Kids:** Renew Creative (HCC Worship Team) has a brand new song out called “Faithful Faith!” Renew Creative Kids (DK) just released Volume 1 of their new Memory Verse Songs! Scan the QR codes to listen, or stream wherever you listen to music!



- Do you have a heart for children and ministry? We are in need of DK Teachers and would love for you to serve on Sunday mornings as a **classroom teacher!** If this interests you, please email Shealey Sims at shealeys@harpethcc.com for more information!
- **VBS – “Solomon: the Wise Guy”:** VBS is almost here! VBS will take place at the church on Monday, July 13- Wednesday, July 15th. Scan the QR Code below to register your child, and to sign up to volunteer at VBS! Visit HarpethVBS.com :



- **Geometry Teacher Needed:** RCA is looking for a **Geometry Teacher** for the 26-27 school year! If you or anyone you know is interested in this **part-time position**, and has experience in math, geometry, engineering, or even architecture - please reach out to Shannon Carpino at shannonc@renewchristianacademy.com.