

The ^{6th} National Big Church Read

Session 3: Exile

At the end of Exile, take a moment to review what we've learned and how it makes sense of life:

How does the Bible's concept of shalom help us appreciate what true peace really means?

In what sense are we all living away from home, in a state of exile? How do we experience the sharp end of this in everyday realities?

During the era of the Judges and Kings, Israel got stuck in negative cycles. What patterns of behaviour in our lives rob us of peace? How can we end these negative cycles?

In the sixth century BC, the Israelites experienced the darkness of exile. When have you faced seasons of suffering and pain? How have you, or people you know, experienced God's peace in and through the storms of life?

Despite exile, Daniel shows that God's people can 'win away from home'. What specific practices can help us stand strong in a hostile culture?

Overall, how has the Bible's story of exile and peace helped make sense of life today?

