



Objective, Big Idea & Biblical Focus:

To ground the experience of Journey 2 in a biblical framework that describes not only the possibility of the end destination but the emotional tension that lies in between now and then.

BIG IDEA: Most people confuse dreams with fantasy. Dreams are rooted in reality. Fantasies deny reality.

Jeremiah 29:4-14 God has both a dream and a plan for His people.

How it Works:

Read Jeremiah 29:4-14

- Set the passage in its context and tell the story behind it.
- Differentiate between dream and fantasy.
- Emphasize the fact that God has a dream and a plan for His people and that this Journey we will be working on identifying both of these things.
- Explain to the participants that this Journey of identifying God's Dream and plan for our lives will begin and end with a confession – a confession of “what is” (sin—where we are hitting and not hitting the mark) and a confession of “what will be” (faith—a plan).
- Reiterate that a plan is simply a confession of faith. In Journey 2 this confession of faith will be a 3 year LifePlan

Coaching Tips:

Use the biblical teaching to create a spiritual and emotional connection to Journey 2—driving home the tension between dreaming of Jerusalem while planning for Babylon and how that applies to today's life journey.





Reference:

Journey 2, pg. 4



Session 1

Live the Dream

Jeremiah 29:4-14, NIV

⁴This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: ⁵"Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. ⁶Marry 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. ⁷Also, 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." ⁸Yes, this is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says: "Do not let the prophets and diviners among you deceive you. Do not listen to the dreams you encourage them to have. ⁹They are prophesying lies to you in my name. I have not sent them," declares the Lord.

¹⁰This is what the Lord says: "When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my good promise to bring you back to this place. ¹¹For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. ¹²Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. ¹³You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. ¹⁴I will be found by you," declares the Lord, "and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you," declares the Lord, "and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile."

BIG THOUGHT: "Most people confuse _____ dreams _____ with _____ fantasy _____".

1. Dreams _____ are rooted in _____ reality. Fantasies _____ deny _____ reality.
2. Dreams move _____ through _____ reality. Fantasies _____ escape _____ reality.
3. Dreams _____ become _____ reality. Fantasies leave you _____ stuck _____ in reality.

