


Part 3:

Content while in Babylon

#culture

Fall of Jerusalem, 587BC





Jeremiah
29:1-16

Canadian
#culture

#SaidbyNones

"I think it frees you up and liberates you to think about things in purely intellectual ways. It allows you to question things that you might not allow yourself to question if you were genuinely religious."

#SaidbyNones

"If I get cancer tomorrow, I'm not going to go and blame God. God doesn't have any input in it... What's meant to happen will happen."

#SaidbyNones

"Religious believers ... felt it was wrong to steal or lie because it was bad in the eyes of God.. We see stealing and lying as wrong because it causes others pain or loss, and it helps foster a world lacking in trust or concern for the well-being of others."

#Ambassadors



Big Idea:

Contentment in Christ is utterly essential for our work as His ambassadors in this culture. The greater our satisfaction in Christ, the more gladly we'll absorb the costs of blessing and relating with people across cultural lines.

10 Questions for Ambassadors

1. Would those who know me best say I'm content in Christ?
2. What am I (or the Christians I know) doing to create more "nones"?
3. What reasons does my community have to be glad my family is there?
4. If certain commitments are an obstacle to my neighbours seeing Christ in me, could I adapt?
5. Who do we (really) expect to absorb the cultural cost of full inclusion in this community? Us, or our neighbours?

10 Questions for Ambassadors

6. Are we (as hosts) prepared to absorb the costs of inclusion, or do we actually hope they'll go somewhere else?
7. Do I know what idols my neighbours, family, colleagues wrestle with?
8. How transparent can I be with others about the idols I wrestle with?
9. What reason do your neighbours have to be grateful this church exists?
10. If the churches and all Christians disappeared from this community, what impact would that have on the culture?



Jeremiah:

Prophet of contentment

