Stay Luke 10:1-9, Jeremiah 29:4-7 Oct 13, 2019

WARM-UP QUESTIONS:

- 1. Tell us about where you live. How did you decide to move into your neighborhood? What do you like about the area? What do you not like? How much longer do you plan to stay there?
- 2. With social media and the availability of information, it is easier than ever to know and compare lifestyle options. How might this be beneficial? What are the pitfalls?
- 3. How would you define "community"?

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

- 1. Pastor Jason used the examples of Jonah and Jesus to illustrate the point: "When God sends us to a place, he's asking us to make it our home." Can you think of other examples in the Bible where this was true (one example is Ruth)? How did God change those places through these people?
- 2. Knowing that Jesus spent his first 30 years growing up in his community and working in a trade, how does this cause us to look differently on his life here on earth?
- 3. Considering the Jeremiah passage again, what barriers might the exiled Israelites have encountered in establishing themselves to become part of the resident community? What might they need to do to become "native"?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

- 1. Reflect back on our fall series about our neighborhoods. How has your perspective on where you live or work changed? Which of the weekly themes resonated most with you?
- 2. No living or working situation is perfect but sometimes God is calling us to be faithful to those places and people. What realities in your neighborhoods or workplaces are you called to be faithful to? How can we learn to see beyond these issues and challenges?
- 3. Life comes in seasons, and whether you are settling down, transitioning, or in a routine, hearing God's call and purpose is paramount. Take some time to pray for openness, discernment and courage for whatever is next.