

Exile
Sermon Discussion Questions
February 2, 2020

1. We are in week five in our nine-week sermon series, on sound doctrine, through salvation history which has brought us through Creation (God created the world and us), Election (God invites us into relationship with him), Redemption (if we accept God's invitation he has promised to fight for us) and Messiah (Jesus is Lord of all).

What has God been teaching you through this sermon series? Have you seen God growing you as a small group/bible study over the past weeks? How might God be refining Calvary Church?

2. Consider Pastor Jim's definitions of Exile and Wilderness (Exile: An extended experience where the blessings and privileges of life are taken away because we have forgotten the Lord and his commands for our lives. Wilderness: A place of barrenness and struggle for the purpose refining, testing and growth). What differences do you see? What are biblical examples of both?
3. Pastor Jim stated that "all exile happens in the wilderness but not all wilderness experiences are exile." As you're willing, share where in life you have seen this to be true. Did you realize then that the experience was exile or wilderness and why?
4. Pastor Jim mentioned that as the body of Christ, we are called to come alongside others in the wilderness or even join the Lord in warning others who may be in exile. Have you experienced someone coming alongside you in love and kindness or even warning you on God's behalf?
5. Who do you know today that God has been warning and what might it look like to lovingly encourage them to run to Jesus?

Who do you know today that is in the wilderness and needs someone to be an agent of God's love and kindness and what might it look like to come alongside them?

Spend time praying for those in your group, or others you know, that are in the midst of the wilderness or exile. Pray that God uses you, or someone close to them, to point them to Himself.