Sermon Discussion Questions March 21, 2021

- 1. As we have approached the year mark of Covid-19, spend time sharing with the group how Covid-19 has positively and negatively impacted your life. How has Covid-19 affected the people around you?
- 2. Pastor Jim, in talking about cities throughout scripture, begins with the sin of Cain in Genesis 4 and how he chooses to build a city for himself. How is Cain building a city sinful? Are cities inherently sinful/evil or is it the systems present within them that are evil?
- 3. **As a group, read Jeremiah 29:5-7.** Pastor Jim, in his first point of application, encouraged us to engage well with the cities and systems of mankind. How does the passage in Jeremiah encourage you to engage well with the city and systems within it? What's a barrier for you in engaging with the city and systems?
- 4. **As a group, read 2 Corinthians 6:17-18.** While we are encouraged to engage in the cities and systems of mankind, we shouldn't be influenced by them. In what ways could you be negatively influenced by the city/systems you inhabit? How does your involvement in the church impact your participation in the city and systems?
- 5. We were reminded that a day is coming when the systems of this world (capitalism, communism, socialism & democracy) will be destroyed and will be replaced with a perfect system by God. Are you rejoicing or mourning that this day is coming? What makes you feel the way that you feel?
- 6. Spend time praying for God to show/provide ways for you to give. Also, pray when God shows/provides, that your heart would be open to being obedient to His call rather than storing up your treasure on earth.