



# Redeeming Society's Culture

## **OBJECTIVE**

In this training, we discuss the vital role of the church in society, emphasizing its responsibility to engage with, influence, and redeem the culture around it. We draw on the biblical narrative of Jeremiah 29 to illustrate how the church should not isolate itself or simply blend in with society but rather actively seek the peace and prosperity of the communities in which it exists. The conversation highlights the dual citizenship of Christians and the promise of God's plans for hope and a future as they fulfill their purpose in the world.

## **OVERVIEW**

- The role of the church in society
  - The challenge of relating to the surrounding culture
  - The church is a valuable asset in the community
  - How to build a life in Babylon correctly
- Redeem your city
  - Jesus' example of engagement and redemption
  - The church takes the initiative to bless cities
  - Our role with dual citizenship
- The promise of purpose and prosperity
  - Engage with this world around us
  - Influence society by having a presence
  - Redeem the community through good work
- God has a purpose for you
  - Be a church that doesn't blend in or isolate
  - Seek to redeem our society
  - We have a purpose in a broken society

## **VERSES REFERENCED**

Jeremiah 29

### **QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER STUDY**

1. What are the biggest needs of your local community? Can your ministry help fill that need?
2. How can your ministry actively "redeem" aspects of society that are broken or hurting? Give practical examples.
3. What pressures might lead your ministry to withdraw from society and avoid engaging with the world?

### **SCRIPTURE FOR FURTHER STUDY**

Ephesians 2:19-22

Acts 2:42-47

1 John 4:4