



# EXILES

## GOD'S HEART FOR EXILES

### Discussion Questions

1. What life experiences, Bible doctrines, or unanswered questions have been stumbling blocks to your faith? Why did some of the Jews' faith wither in exile, while others' faith thrived in exile?
2. As an exile in a foreign land, to what extent have you been able to believe the following:
  - I am seen. (Matthew 10:30)
  - I am heard. (Psalm 145:18)
  - I am known. (Psalm 139)
  - I am loved. (Romans 8:38-39)
  - I am delighted in. (Psalm 147:10-11)
3. In your mind, have you ever set human-like limits on God's mercy? What is the result?
4. Consider Jesus' 33 years as an "exile" on planet earth. How does his conduct here inform how we should conduct ourselves? How important was his relationship with the Father during that time?
5. Do you view God as continually yearning for you from his deepest being (Jer. 31:20)? If not, why not? And what would need to change for you to believe that?