

Text – Daniel 9:15-19; Lamentations 2:18-19; 3:48-50

Three Responses to Exile

- We can choose to _____.
- We can choose to _____.
- We can choose to _____ what God is doing.

Embracing Exile Through Encounter

- Each encounter is _____ and situation.
- Encounters move us to understand God, _____ more fully.
- Encounters _____.

The Attitudes and Emotion of Exile Praying

- The primary attitudes of exile praying are _____.
- The primary emotion of exile praying is _____.

Life Enrichment

What about today's teaching challenged, disturbed, or encouraged you?

- If you were forced to move across country with no guarantee of a home to live in, without knowing the language of your new neighbors, without hope of return home, and taking only what you could carry on your person, how would you respond? How would you feel? How might you help others cope?
- Why do you think it's so difficult to imagine ourselves as exiles in America?
- Do you tend to want to join the culture, stay away from it, or engage what God is doing in it? Why?
- What are some actions we can take to move toward encountering God?
- In the current American social climate, why is it important for Christians to encounter God?
- What is more important – the style and emotion of the encounter or that an encounter happens? Why?
- Encounter clears away many of our false assumptions, helping us see the truth or our condition and our culture's condition. How does encounter change our attitudes toward and in prayer?
- Which of the attitudes of exile praying is the most important to you right now?
- Why is emotion such a significant part of exile praying? Why do we sometimes fear emotion in religious experience? How can we overcome the fear of religious emotions?