

**SERMON SERIES:** Second Chances  
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## Key Line

When you get a second chance from God, your circumstances don't dictate your life.

## Introduction

What stood out to you from Myron's personal story? (If you have group members who didn't get to hear his testimony, summarize it for them.) If no one got to hear it, instead discuss other examples of powerful testimonies people are familiar with... or personal examples of significant life change in their own lives.

## Seek the Word

Read Jeremiah 29:11. How does this tie in with God giving people second chances? To help answer: read verses 12-14, too. (*God was certainly giving the Israelites another chance! He was going to restore them. He had good/hopeful plans for them.*)

Even though this was a promise to Israel, does this principle ("God gives each of us second chances, and that includes giving us meaningful purpose serving Him") apply to us? (Yes!) If so, what are other verses that support this? (ex: Ephesians 2: 8-10; 3:20-21)

## Talk About It

Consider these statements/ideas from Myron:

- There's life beyond where I'm at.
- Most everyone can relate to being imprisoned, even if it isn't in a physical prison building.
- God's purpose is greater than my prison.
- When you get a second chance from God, your circumstances don't dictate your life.

Discuss them as a set, or one at a time, especially how they relate to "second chances."

## Apply it

What purpose do you see God giving to your life right now?

Are there negative circumstances in your life right now, that you feel are holding you back from fully living out your God-given purpose, for His glory? If possible, share those with the group, for people to pray about.