

1980s: Should We Stay or Should We Move?

October 8-9, 2016

Jeremiah 29:7 (All verses NIV 1984)

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INTRODUCTION: Imagine Peace.

A Lutheran Parish or Community Church? (Yes!)

1. Pursue community, peace, and prosperity.
 - Jeremiah 29:7 ***...Seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.***
 - Jeremiah 29:11-13 ¹¹ ***"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*** ¹² ***Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.*** ¹³ ***You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."***

2. Pray for rulers to build peaceful (shalom-like) communities.

- 1 Timothy 2:1-2 ¹**I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone--** ²**for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.**

- 1 Timothy 2:3-4 ³**This is good, and pleases God our Savior,** ⁴**who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.**

3. Plant your roots deep in the church Jesus builds.

- Matthew 16:18 **And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.**

- Matthew 16:15-16 ¹⁵**"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"** ¹⁶**Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."**

CONCLUSION: Perfect Peace.

G.P.S. Grow. Pray. Study.

Things I'd like to remember from this week's message:

Get each day's GPS downloaded to your computer/phone/etc. by going to this link clcm-gps.com or subscribing through **Feedly.com** (or other RSS Reader) to receive daily updates.

Monday: Read *Jeremiah 29:7*. Ask God to grant peace and prosperity to East County and most of all for Jesus Christ's influence and presence to be experienced. Pray for schools, first responders, and a spirit in our community that brings peace.

Tuesday: Read *Jeremiah 29:11-13*. Pray that God's plans for each person in East County and our path to God's preferred future are fulfilled. Pray that Christ Lutheran Church Ministries serves as a beacon of hope in our community.

Wednesday: Read *1 Timothy 2:1-2*. Pray for all elected officials in city, county, state, and national offices. Pray for the upcoming election. Give thanks for their willingness to serve, and ask God to provide wisdom and boldness in the decisions they make.

Thursday: Read *1 Timothy 2:3-4*. Pray for our community to know Jesus: His love, His sacrifice, His presence, His peace and the living relationship He desires for all people. Pray that our community divisions might find ultimate unity and peace in Jesus.

Friday: Read *Matthew 16:18*. Pray for churches in our community to know God's Word and live out God's Word in homes, workplaces, classrooms, recreation, shopping, and sports in ways that guide people to Jesus.

Saturday: Read *Matthew 16:15-16*. Pray for Jesus to be known as the Savior of the World, the promised One God sent to save us. Pray for your own witness of who Jesus is and what Jesus has done for you and for all.

Going Deeper:

BOOK TO READ: *Loving the City: Doing Balanced, Gospel-Centered Ministry in Your City* by Tim Keller.

COMMUNITY PROJECT: Sign up (and show up) for Pick Up the Park in La Mesa, October 15d!

NEXT WEEK: Matthew 4:17-19 **The 1990s: Developing Dynamic Disciples for Christ**