

Sermon Series

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# Place

Rooted, Uprooted,  
Re-Routed



# Narrative Arc of “Place” in Scripture

ROOTED

UPROOTED

En-Route to  
New Creation



# **Jeremiah, the prophet and the book**

turning exiles into sojourners...



This is what the Lord says to all the captives he has exiled to Babylon from Jerusalem:

5 “Build homes, and plan to stay. Plant gardens, and eat the food they produce. 6 Marry and have children. Then find spouses for them so that you may have many grandchildren. Multiply! Do not dwindle away! 7 And work for the peace and prosperity of the city where I sent you into exile. Pray to the Lord for that place, for its welfare will determine your welfare.”

-Jeremiah 29:1-7 (NLT)



# Placemaking en route to new creation

1. Ordinary life, lived intentionally
2. For the common good



“gardening, baking, and hospitality are... three of the most spiritual practices we can muster....[because] these practices slow us down, help us to locate ourselves, and open space for others.”

-Leonard Hjalmarson (*No Place Like Home: A Christian Theology of Place*)









“the homeland for which the sojourner yearns is not some other world, but this world redeemed and transfigured....Because the kingdom of God has not yet realized in its fullness... Christian sojourners are aching visionaries who bear witness to and work for a future of shalom.

-Brian Walsh and Stephen Bouma-Prediger  
(*Beyond Homelessness: Christian Faith in a Culture of Displacement*)

