

# DISCOVERY



CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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*God With Us in the Exile*, Emilie Knauss

## SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

Habakkuk 1:2-11, Jeremiah 39:1-10, Daniel 9:1-19

## QUOTE

*"To be rooted is perhaps the most important and least recognized need of the human soul."*

— Simone Weil

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is the first phrase that stands out to you with this phrase? What are your thoughts in response to that? **GODISNOWHERE**
2. How familiar are you with the Old Testament and the history of the Israelites? How do you view the Old Testament?
3. If you were in the position of the Israelites and knew you had an agreement with God (God will protect, provide, and care for me and I will obey him and love others), what would you do if you were introduced to the deities of other nations?
4. Often times we find ourselves in patterns, and it may feel like we are doing the same thing over and over again and expect different results. What are some patterns you may have that are frustrating to you?
5. The exile was a pivotal point in the life of the Hebrew community. Their home was completely destroyed, along with their "normal" way of life. It must have been easy to think that God was nowhere to be found. What questions do you have about the exile? Have you experienced a type of "exile" in your own life?
6. A relationship with God can be described much like a dating relationship. When we look at a relationship with God in this way, we can see the importance of reciprocity between ourselves and God. Please take a few minutes to evaluate your current understanding of faith. Do you relate more with "God is now here" or "God is nowhere"? What is your part of that reciprocity, and what is God's?
7. Please read "Awaiting the Messiah" together in a group and discuss your reactions to it.