

A HELPFUL METAPHOR AND MINDSET FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING IN MODERN AMERICA

Study # 12 "Summary, Wrap-Up and Takeaways"



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thank you !!

THANK
YOU!

to each of you

**How do you, as a follower of Jesus,
think of yourself ?**

**exile in Babylon,
a new possibility ?**



“The times they are a-changin’”



**Exile . . .
was the beginning of
God's judgment
on our sin**



“Babylon” is an attempt of exiles to make their own home here, deny God’s judgment of homelessness.



**Babylon is the “mud puddle” we sit in
as sponges.**

safely insecure

theology of risk

**prosperity
gospel**

theology of suffering

lament



Exile was the place to learn about themselves and more importantly learn about their God.



**Hadassah [Esther] and Mordecai living “undercover”
as cognitive minority in a book where the
LORD is working “undercover.”**

***galut* by grace**



“in Christ” . . . in Babylon



Suffering in exile (for all) produces endurance, perseverance, hope and refining (for some).

BABYLON



**Babylon is profoundly broken . . . can it be fixed?
But Babylonians can be “fixed.”**



**The Holy Warrior has
the blood of Babylon
[His enemies] on Him.**

**The Holy Warrior has His own blood
on Him for Babylonians.**





**My need is to learn about God's heart and
my heart.**



To live in an ordinary, faithful, way in response to the LORD's steadfast love and faithfulness and truth, in Babylon, is extraordinary — and glorifies Him.

HOMework

**Share with the LORD and perhaps a friend one
takeaway from the class.**