

Our Talk It Over is prepared each week by the teaching pastor and is designed to prompt insights, questions and dialogue based on the life experience of each listener. Using these in a group setting after hearing the message is similar to the practices of the early church in Israel.

## THREE IMAGES OF SALVATION Part 2

- How can we relate to the concept of "exile" in our lives today? Are there experiences where you've felt "displaced" or where life seemed off track? How did (or could) you find hope in these times?
- 2. What do you think of the idea that life moves in cycles of order, disorder, and reorder? Can you identify any specific "disorder" moments in your life that led to positive change or growth?
- 3. How do you feel about the idea that setbacks (exile) are necessary for growth? Have you ever experienced growth or positive transformation that came directly from a difficult time?
- 4. How does the knowledge that exile is temporary affect how we face challenges? What role does hope play in enduring difficult seasons?
- 5. The Israelites were promised a return from exile. Are there "exile" situations in your life where you are still waiting for restoration? How can faith in God's timing and goodness support you as you wait?