



GROUP DISCUSSION | October 2 | Week 1 | Ezra 1:1-11

SERIES OVERVIEW

This 6-week series addresses what God did for the Jewish people throughout the events recorded in the book of Ezra and parts of Haggai. Through failure, forgetting what is important, and sin, we may become exiles attempting to return to God. However, just as in the book of Ezra, God reclaimed His people according to His promises, He also reclaims and redeems our lives for His purpose in this world.

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE:

Think of this discussion guide as a springboard. It's intent and purpose is to offer suggested direction for conversation. Use what's helpful to your group and lean into discussion that's sparked from the insight and input of your group.

CONNECTION

What comes to mind when you hear the word "reclaim?"

What stood out to you from the message this week?

TRUTH

Someone read Ezra 1:1-11

What sticks out from that passage?

What does this passage tell us about God?

What does this passage tell us about people?

What other Biblical passages, stories, or scripture comes to mind that deal with God fulfilling His promises?

APPLICATION

When was a time you longed to be home? Describe what you were doing, thinking, and feeling?

Can you recall a time when God brought restoration by fulfilling a promise to you or someone you know?

How can you trust God is still at work and is keeping His promises when all around you appears to be in ruin?

What's your biggest takeaway from this week's study?

PRAY