



1. Opening

Purpose for Digs and Prayer (1 min)

Digs gather to study, pray, and apply the Word of God to our lives. Our hope is that we would increase in our love for God, love for one another, and tell others about Him (Matt 22:37-40; Matt 28:19-20).

Weekly Christian Formation (5 min)

Question 41* What is the Lord's Prayer?

Answer: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Scripture Reference: Matthew 6:9

What does this mean? How does it impact our lives?

Recap (5 min)

Recap the last time your Dig Group gathered. How did you apply God's Word over the last week(s)?

2. Bible Study April 26th (30-45 minutes)

*Read the passage aloud together.

*Pray for God's wisdom to rightly understand the passage.

Scripture Reference: Ezra 1-2

1. Discuss the biblical history of exiles and returns.

2. Read Ezra 1:1. How does knowing that God fulfills His promises shape the way you find peace and rest? (cf Is 44:28; Jer 29:10)

3. In v.1 and 5, we see that the return of from exile happened because the "LORD stirred up the spirit" of key people. How does knowing that the LORD can stir spirits shape the way you pray?

4. Read v. 4, 6-10. How did God bless His people in their return?

5. Read 2:68-69. How did God use the freewill offerings of His people to advance His work?

6. How has God sovereignly blessed you? How do you think you could freely use those blessings to advance His work?

7. How does knowing the providence of God in this passage shape your life?

3. Confession and Prayer (30-45 minutes)

*Prayer: Reserve plenty of time to pray for one another.

*Prayer Challenge: Pray that God would provide opportunities for you to share Christ with people. Pray that you would make the most of every opportunity (Col 4:2-6).

**Weekly Christian Formation Questions are taken from the New City Catechism.