



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 45* Is baptism with water the washing away of sin itself?

Answer: No, only the blood of Christ and the renewal of the Holy Spirit can cleanse us from sin.

Scripture Reference: Luke 3:16

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 May 24th (30-45 minutes)

*Read the passage aloud together.

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

Scripture Reference: Ezra 6

1. Recap the events leading to Ezra 6. In what ways did God provide for the building to restart in Ezra 5?

2. Ezra 1-6 is the account of the first return from exile. The first and last verses of this section describe God moving in the hearts of two different leaders. What do you think God is trying to communicate in this section?

3. How are Cyrus' decree (Ezra 6:1-5) and Darius' decree similar?

4. In what ways did God provide for His people through their decrees? How did God protect His people as they rebuilt the temple?

5. In v.14 it says the work was finished "by the decree of God...Cyrus and Darius, and Artaxerxes". How do these decrees work together? Why does Ezra mention that the work was finished by a future king (Artaxerxes)?

6. How does God provide for His people in v.22?

7. How does seeing God's provision through such trying circumstances impact your trust in God?

8. What do you need to trust God with?

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.

