



## 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 46\*** What is the Lord's Supper?

**Answer:** Christ commanded all Christians to eat bread and to drink from the cup in thankful remembrance of him and his death. The Lord's Supper is a celebration of the presence of God in our midst; bringing us into communion with God and with one another; feeding and nourishing our souls. It also anticipates the day when we will eat and drink with Christ in his Father's kingdom.

**Scripture Reference:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

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 31<sup>st</sup> (30-45 minutes)

**\*Read the passage aloud together.**

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

Scripture Reference: Ezra 7

1. Ezra 7 takes place nearly 60 years after Ezra 6 when the temple was rebuilt and worship was reestablished. Now two kings later, God moves to send another wave of Jews to return from exile through Ezra.

How is Ezra described in Ezra 7:1-6? How was God setting the stage to use Ezra to bring about another return to worship with a new generation?

2. "The hand of the LORD" upon Ezra is a phrase seen three times in our passage (v.6, 9, 28). In what ways was God's hand upon Ezra?

3. Why is "the hand of the LORD" on Ezra an important detail in this passage? How does it shape our posture in following God?

4. Read Ezra 7:10. What is significant about the man God uses to bring about renewal?

5. Discuss the three elements of Ezra setting his heart on the Word. How do each of these work together? Why are they each important?

6. How does the account of Ezra's return from exile shape you as you follow Jesus?

## 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.**

