



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 42* How is the Word of God to be read and heard?

Answer: With diligence, preparation, and prayer; so that we may accept it with faith, store it in our hearts, and practice it in our lives.

Scripture Reference: 2 Timothy 3:16-17

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 3rd (30-45 minutes)

*Read the passage aloud together.

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

Scripture Reference: Ezra 3

1. Recap the historical context of Ezra. Why was Israel in exile? What happened to their homeland? Why do they get to return? What was it likely like as they arrived in Judah?

2. Imagine you were returning to your desolated home. What things would you work on first?

3. When fear, stress, and the pressures of life enter your life, how do you respond?

4. Read Ezra 3:1-3. How did the Israelites respond?

5. As the foundation of the temple began to be built, how did they respond in Ezra 3:10-11?

6. In Ezra 3:12-13, why do you think there are mixed responses to seeing the foundation of the temple?

7. What do these mixed responses show us about the lasting earthly consequences of sin?

8. How does knowing we can have eternal life and forgiveness, but yet still have lifelong earthly consequences shape our attitude towards allowing sin in our lives?

9. In what ways do you need to respond by prioritizing worship in 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.

