



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 48* What is the church?

Answer: God chooses and preserves for himself a community elected for eternal life and united by faith, who love, follow, learn from, and worship God together. God sends out this community to proclaim the gospel and prefigure Christ's kingdom by the quality of their life together and their love for one another.

Scripture Reference: 2 Thessalonians 2:13

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 June 14th (30-45 minutes)

*Read the passage aloud together.

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

Scripture Reference: Ezra 9

1. After Ezra has returned with the second wave of exiles, he begins to teach the Word of God to the people. What is the response to the Word in Ezra 9:1-2?

2. What were the dangers of mixing with the other nations? God has called His people to be set apart. In what ways has the church in general mixed itself with the world? In what ways have you personally mixed with the world?

3. Ezra 9:2 calls their sin "faithlessness". What is the link between sin and faith? How have you seen a lack of faith lead to sin in your own life?

4. How does Ezra feel about sin in v.3-5? How do you respond when you hear of sin? What does your response to sin tell you about your own heart?

5. Read Ezra's confession in 9:6-15. What do you notice about Ezra's confession? Where does Ezra point to grace? Where does Ezra point to God's justice? How does this confession shape your own times of confession with God?

6. In what ways does this passage show us our need for Jesus?

7. In what ways does this passage shape your walk with Christ?

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.

