



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 43* What are the sacraments or ordinances?

Answer: The sacraments or ordinances given by God and instituted by Christ, namely baptism and the Lord's Supper, are visible signs and seals that we are bound together as a community of faith by his death and resurrection. By our use of them the Holy Spirit more fully declares and seals the promises of the gospel to us.

Scripture Reference: Romans 6:4, Luke 22:19-20

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 10th (30-45 minutes)

*Read the passage aloud together.

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

Scripture Reference: Ezra 4

1. Reflect on Israel's faithful response in Ezra 3. When they were afraid, what did they do? Why would this have been a challenge for them?

2. Note the faithful response to the pressure Israel received in Ezra 4:1-3. What could have been the effects of compromise in these verses?

3. Note the pressures Israel received in Ezra 4:4-5. Relate those pressures to pressures God's people receive today. How should they have responded?

4. Read Ezra 4:24. How did Israel respond to the pressure? In what ways do Christians today compromise or cease obedience because of the pressures of our society?

5. How should Israel have responded to the discouragement, fear, and bad counsel that they received?

6. How should we respond to the pressures we receive as we seek to be obedient to God? How does trusting in the faithful, steadfast love of Christ, help us to be faithful?

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.

