

# RESTORE

## EZRA

### RESTORE PT 4: REBUILDING AND REVIVAL

The word revival has a lot of definitions. It can mean “an instance of something becoming popular, active, or important again,” like a TV show revival. It can also mean “a reawakening of religious fervor.” At oneChurch.tv, we like the medical definition: restoring bodily or mental vigor, life, or consciousness. Revive = To re-awaken. To resurrect. Think about your life right now. Is there anything that needs new life?

**Big Idea: God revives us so that he can rebuild us.**

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Who in your group is doing what their parents or grandparents did for a living? What role does family play in our faith journey?
2. Read Ezra 7:1-7. “After these things” means 60 years later from where we left off last week. What else does this passage say about Ezra? What is important about Ezra’s link to Hilkiah (see 2 Kings 22:4) and Zadok (see 2 Samuel 8:17)?
3. Read Ezra 7:8-10. Ezra was “well-versed” in the Law. What subject are you well-versed in? By comparison, how well-versed are you in the Bible? Who instilled in you a love for God’s Word? What do you do to build upon that foundation?
4. In the message, Carlo said, “Healthy habits make a difference.” Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not?
5. What healthy habits did Ezra have?
6. Sometimes there is a fine line between God’s intervention miraculously and his daily providence. Can you share an example of an ordinary time when God took care of you?
7. Fasting and prayer are mentioned as two of Ezra’s spiritual disciplines. In your opinion, how does fasting make your prayers more earnest? How do we cultivate a habit of worship every day?
8. Read Ezra 9:8-9. According to Ezra, what gifts did God give his people? Why did God revive the Israelite people? Looking back on your life and the life of our church? What gifts has God given us? In what ways is he reviving us?
9. What is God saying to you through his word? How and when will you respond?