

1. Do you have a goal or life achievement you have delayed undertaking, but if you knew God was stirring you toward it you would finally begin?
2. Similar to the last questions, but specifically something for God. Do you have something you would do for the kingdom that you have delayed doing that if you knew God was stirring you towards it you would finally begin?
3. The Hebrew people at the beginning of Ezra are exiled and scattered all over what was formerly the Babylonian empire. This would obviously have been challenging initially, but at this point they have been exiled for several decades. For most people, exiled is the only life they've known. How do you think it would have felt to hear of people travelling back, or feeling your heart stirred to return?
4. Read Ezra 1:1-7 together. It starts with God keeping His promise to His people. Do you have a favorite promise(s) from the Bible.
5. How are you at trusting in general? Do you feel like the way we have been trained not to trust has impacted your ability to trust God, His faithfulness, and that He will always keep His promises?
6. All at once God stirred the hearts of several, perhaps hundreds of people. "Stirred" here means to awaken from sleep or arouse to action. What would happen to the Church in America if this were to take place today? What do you think the Church would be awakened to?
7. What do you think holds people back when they feel God's stirrings?