

GOSPEL COMMUNITY DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

For the Week of November 1, 2026

REVIEW

1. Read back through the sermon text (Ezra 7) and look over your sermon notes.
   a. What was something that caught your attention, challenged, encouraged, or confused you?
   b. What point or idea have you remembered most since hearing Sunday's message?
   c. What's a word, phrase, or episode in this passage that stands out to you? Why?

GOD'S STORY

2. Think of something that has significantly changed the way you live or think. What made that truth stick with you and actually change your behavior?
3. In Ezra 7:1–6, what do we learn about Ezra's background, qualifications, and character? Why would these details matter for the mission God was calling him to accomplish?
4. How does Ezra respond to the king's decree in Ezra 7:27–28? What does his response reveal about his understanding of God's providence and his own responsibility?
5. Ezra 7:10 says that Ezra had "set his heart" to study God's Law. What does that phrase suggest about the God-honoring posture toward Scripture? What currently competes with God's Word for your attention and affections?
6. God's Word is our highest authority and deepest delight. When your personal desires, cultural expectations, or the opinions of others conflict with Scripture, which tends to have the greatest influence over your decisions?
7. Spiritual renewal requires more than outward reform; it requires changed lives. Are there areas where you're tempted to settle for the appearance of spiritual maturity rather than genuine heart transformation? How does the gospel offer hope for real change?

DIGGING DEEPER

8. Read Psalm 1:1–3. What does this passage teach about the relationship between delighting in God's Word, meditating on it, and obeying it? How can we cultivate a genuine love for Scripture rather than approaching Bible reading merely as a duty?
9. Read 2 Timothy 3:14–17. What does Paul teach about Scripture? How should this passage shape our confidence in God's Word to equip us for every good work?

GUIDE FOR DISCIPLESHIP HUDDLES

1. REPENT & BELIEVE

Ask:

- What desires and/or lies do you need to turn away from in repentance?
- What truth and/or promises from Scripture do you need to turn to in faith?

Use the following attitudes of unbelief as a starting point. (See also Appendixes 8 and 12 in the *Discipleship Huddle Guide* for more Repent & Believe tools.)

- FALSE GUILT OR MISPLACED SHAME
- ANXIETY
- DESPAIR OR DESPONDENCY
- PRIDE
- COVETOUSNESS
- JEALOUSY OR ENVY
- BITTERNESS
- LUST OR INDULGENT DESIRES
- LAZINESS
- IMPATIENCE

2. PLAN & PRAY

- Who do you know who is far from God? What steps could you take this week to connect with that person?
- Pray together by name for specific people you know who are far from God.