

Recommitting

Series: Ezra

Ezra 5:1-10

The discouragement of status quo.

The call back to renewal

The choice to recommit

The encouragement of renewal

Prayer for renewal:

- Lord, instruct my heart and show me Your way for renewal in my life...
- May Your eye be upon me, in blessing and protection, as I...

Extra reading: Haggai

Faith group discussion questions

Bottom Line: We can always recommit ourselves to God's plan for renewal.

Knowing the content:

1. In Ezra 5, the leaders Zerubbabel and Jeshua obey the prophets Haggai and Zechariah. Can you think of other times in the Old Testament when the leaders obeyed the prophets?
2. Ezra 5:2 says that the prophets were supporting Zerubbabel and Jeshua. How do the prophets respond to leaders who do not heed the prophetic word?

Connecting to the content:

3. If you had been there when the officials came taking names in Ezra 5:4, how do you think you would have responded?
4. Why do you think we hesitate at times to recommit ourselves to God honoring things that we have grown cold to?

Connecting to each other:

5. How does God use leadership throughout this story? How ought we to pray for those that lead us from this text?