

Opposed

Series: Ezra

Ezra 4:7-24

Vss 6-7 Continually

Vss 7-10 By the crowd

Vss 11-16 By Deception

1. Vs 12 In falsely identifying
 - Vs 14 In flattery
2. Vs 15 In twisting the truth
 - Vs 16 In playing on fears

Vss 23 By Force

3. Opposition is real as we pursue renewal
4. Opposition is not a new thing
 - Opposition can be overcome

Prayer for renewal:

5. I praise You that You are my rock of stability and strength when...
6. Lord, I surrender my burden over _____, please direct me in your way, that I may overcome.

Extra reading: Nehemiah 1; John 16:23-33; 1 John 5:1-12

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Bottom Line: Opposition to renewal is real but can be overcome.

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Faith group discussion questions

Knowing the content:

1. What means of opposition stands out to you from this passage?
2. What does it mean for believers to have conquered the world? What role does faith play? (John 16:33; 1 John 5:4-5)

Connecting to the content:

1. Are there ways that enemies are opposing your attempts to advance God's kingdom now? If so, explain.

Connecting to each other:

1. How important is it to have a circle of Christ centered friends when facing opposition?
2. What can we all do to be more in tune and supportive of each other as we face opposition?

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