



## CG DISCUSSION GUIDE

### Courage from the Hand of the Lord

<i>Worship</i>	<i>Study</i>	<i>Pray</i>
<p><i>Hangout + Wins</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How is your Bible reading going? What is something cool that you have been reading?</li><li>• Share any other wins this week or answers to prayer from previous times you have prayed together.</li></ul> <p><i>Worship</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pick at least one song to worship with together.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Here is one in case you don't find one in time.</li><li>○ <a href="https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=0udTBxeLnXA">https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=0udTBxeLnXA</a></li></ul></li></ul>	<p><b>Ezra 7:11-8:36</b></p> <p><i>Introduction:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• I recommend that every leader watch this. You can speed it up on YouTube, but it is VERY helpful. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P1ded0rng0U">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P1ded0rng0U</a></li></ul> <p><i>What does this text teach us about ourselves?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How do we get God's favor? And what feelings do we feel when God's hand is upon us? (7:28)</li><li>• Focus on 8:22-23. Why is this so shameful? (Because is wrong to trust in the military. Great kings like Solomon etc put their trust in their military as opposed to God to protect them directly. But they prayed and fasted and the Lord protected them without a military!!)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ see also v 31</li></ul></li></ul>	<p><i>Pray</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pray for missionary Angela Greenwood. She is a former ICB team member who lives in Andalucia serving an international church there. She serves in virtually every area of the church so pray her!</li><li>• Pray for each others' needs.</li></ul> <p><i>Apply</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Be courageous this week! Discuss how we could be courageous this week on a practical level.</li></ul>



	<p><i>What does this text teach us about God?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Why do you think there are lists explaining the provision and people returning? (Pastor John suggests that it is to be reminded of the provision of God, in terms of favor with the king, favor with the man power, and in terms of favor with materials.)</li></ul>	
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