



## CG DISCUSSION GUIDE

### Ezra 3

<i>Worship</i>	<i>Study</i>	<i>Pray</i>
<p><i>Hangout + Wins</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ask how people's reflection this past week went.</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, but it is 10 minutes:</li><li>◦ <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D1PonQaEtK0">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D1PonQaEtK0</a></li></ul></li></ul>	<p><b>Ezra 4</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><li>• Review the various empires that ruled during OT Bible times and what occurred during the exile.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Assyria = took some of the Jews of northern kingdom in exile.</li><li>◦ Babylon = this empire conquers Assyria and eventually destroys the temple in the southern kingdom of Israel. They too take some more Jews into exile, but not all. Just the smart ones and the ones who would create culture (e.g., Daniel)</li><li>◦ Persia (King of Cyrus) = this</li></ul></li></ul>	<p><i>Pray</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pray for Don &amp; Judy Day who live in Valencia, Spain. There they minister through Evangelism &amp; Care Ministry. In addition, they are the Founders of ICB &amp; Esperanza Nueva, which sets up a fellowship &amp; food program for homeless &amp; families in need. Finally they have the vision to spread the Gospel in the villages in Spain.</li><li>• Pray for each others' needs.</li></ul> <p><i>Apply</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Be a good neighbor. Therefore, think of ways to invite people into the community. It could be a literal neighbor next to you, or it could be a friend or a colleague. But invite them to a community group, to church, to your house for a meal.</li></ul>



is the empire that conquers Babylon and is the context we are in as we read Ezra-Nehemiah. Cyrus allows the Jews to go back and rebuild the temple.

*What does this text teach us about ourselves?*

- What do Zerubbabel and Jeshua do that is good and what do they do that may be a bit misguided?
- What do all the various attempts at destroying the building of the temple teach us about us?

*What does this text teach us about God?*

- These Israelites tried to be a copy of the first Exodus, but it created some problems and unnecessary enemies. What does this teach us about God?
  - (He does new things apart from the scriptures. This doesn't mean that we only listen to the voice of God in our hearts and not , but we use the wisdom of the scriptures to attempt to



	navigate the various things that come our way in life)	
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