



## CG DISCUSSION GUIDE

### When We Return

| <i>Worship</i>  | <i>Study</i>   | <i>Pray</i>   |
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| <p><i>Hangout + Wins</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How did inviting people into the community of God go this past week? Did you have success?</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/results?sp=mAEA&amp;search_query=Maverick+city+with+lyrics">https://m.youtube.com/results?sp=mAEA&amp;search_query=Maverick+city+with+lyrics</a></li></ul></li></ul> | <p><b>Ezra 5-6; Haggai 1:1-8</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 chapter 4 of Ezra to help give context to chapter 5 and 6.</li></ul> <p><i>What does this text teach us about ourselves?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What does the fact that the people used the building materials for the temple for their own houses teach us about ourselves?</li><li>• Right after the people decide to not be fearful about rebuilding, what happens? (Their enemies try to stop them through a political letter to the new king Darius)</li></ul> | <p><i>Pray</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pray for our unnamed missionaries in restricted areas of the world.</li><li>• Pray for each others' needs.</li></ul> <p><i>Apply</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Take inventory of your lives this week. Write it down on what you are doing well and what you want to improve on. What resources that God has given us are we using selfishly or for the incorrect purpose? This could be our resources of time, money, or our attention. How are we spending these things?</li></ul> |



- How is this like life as a Christian? (Many times the correct path is the hardest path or the one with the most opposition)

*What does this text teach us about God?*

- Although the creation of these enemies was Israel's fault, what do we see God through these leaders? (They complete the temple)
- How are the people of God awoken from their sleep-like state? What I mean is, the people were afraid of the people surrounding them and they stopped building, so what helped them start again? (The prophets Haggai and Zechariah told them to rebuild it! This teach us that he speaks through his word. In the OT his word passed through prophets, now it passes through his written scriptures!)