

THE RETURN

Small Group APPLICATION QUESTIONS

"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says." James 1:22 NIV

SUMMARY

Pastor Tim continued in our series *The Return* with a message entitled "Progress and Opposition" from Ezra 3-4. In this message, we got an in-depth look at the issues of progress and opposition - and how they often work together in the life of the believer!

PROGRESS (Ezra 3)

1. When progress is no accident (v1-4)

- What area of life do you need to make progress in? How can you be intentional to grow?

2. When progress is a heart issue (v.5-7)

- What issues of the heart have surfaced in your life recently as you've pursued the Lord?

3. When progress is of God (v.8-13)

- Progress that is of God draws us closer to Him. How have you made progress lately as evidenced by a closer walk with Him?

APPLICATION

OPPOSITION (Ezra 4)

1. When opposition is no accident (v.1-8)

- What kind of opposition have you faced as you've set your heart to worship the Lord?

2. When opposition is a heart issue (v.9-22)

- When someone opposes you, what is one tactic that you can use to help get to the heart of the issue rather than deal with the peripheral issues?

3. When opposition is of God (v.23-24)

- It's through seasons of struggle and challenge that we often grow the most. How can you look back and see spiritual growth as a result of opposition?

PRAYER

Pray that we'd make progress, even in the face of opposition.

