

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

Jay Everett taught a message entitled, "Preaching and Progress" from Ezra 5-6. In this message, we learned lessons how progress comes in our lives.

APPLICATION

1. Progress comes when we focus on the facts.

- Why is it often so hard to get to the real facts of a situation?
- As you encounter information, how can you better sift through everything to find the facts?

2. Progress comes when we finish the work.

- In your life, what has been delayed and needs to be finished?
- What step can you take this week to begin finishing that thing?

3. Progress comes when we accept that God uses all things, good and bad, to accomplish His will.

- How have you see God use something bad in your life to accomplish His will?
- Are you in the midst of anything right now that is frustrating or uncomfortable and you are struggling to see how God could use it for good? How has this passage reminded you of the truth that He does work all things together for good of those who love Him?

PRAYER

Pray God will allow us to experience great progress in our lives as we pursue Him!

