

10. Sermon three taught that we could return to God without fear of being rejected by Him. Why do you think so many people feel as though God will reject them? Do you still feel that way at times? What Scriptures can remind us of His forgiving nature?

11. Sermon four said that God will turn our mourning into celebration, but only if we've returned to Him. What is something that you've mourned about that God turned into a joyful thought?



12. What is your one big take-away from the book of Zechariah?

13. How does it make you feel to know that God's method of encouraging you is by reminding you of His words and inviting you to obey them?



14. What is there in your life that God is pressing you to do without disobeying, delaying, or doubting?

15. Who is someone that you know who needs to be encouraged by remembering (or hearing for the first time) God's truth and submitting to what it says?

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ZECHARIAH

Pastor Tim York

August 24, 2019

Breakdown of Zechariah:

I. The Invitation to _____ (1:1-6)

- Don't _____
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II. A Series of Eight Dreams (1:7 - 6:15)

III. A Collection of Four Sermons (7-8)

- ➔ **Application 1:** God is not moved by our heartless _____; rather, He delights in a heart that is moved to work because it loves Him supremely.
- ➔ **Application 2:** Our morals, ethics, and compassion _____ the true condition of our heart, not box-checking religious rituals.
- ➔ **Application 3:** We can return to God without fear of _____
- ➔ **Application 4:** When our heart has turned to God, we can rejoice when we used to _____.

IV. Two Glimpses into the Future (9-14)

QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH

1. Last week you were asked to think about a project you started but never finished. Is there a project that you abandoned for a significant amount of time, but finally came back and finished?
2. Who is someone that has been a major encourager to you? What do you think it means to be an encourager?



BIG IDEA OF SUNDAY'S SERMON

God encourages me by reminding me of what He has said and by inviting me to return my heart to Him.



HEAD

Read Zechariah 1-14

3. From the text itself, what did you hear/learn that you did not know before this weekend?
4. God begins by using Zechariah to invite the remnant of Jews to “return to me.” What are the implications of Him inviting them to return? How do you know when you need to return to God?
5. When God invites this remnant of Jews to return to Him, He uses His name, “Lord of Hosts,” three times. Why do you think He repeats Himself? What does the name mean? What are the implications?
6. Pastor Tim said that God’s three step process of returning was don’t disobey, don’t delay and don’t doubt. Which of these three do you struggle with the most, and what are you doing about it?
7. Zechariah sees eight dreams and a bonus dream. Which dream did you find most interesting and why?
8. Two years after his dreams, Zechariah preaches four sermons. The first focuses on exposing some empty rituals that the Jews were observing. What were they observing, and why do you think it was empty? What empty religious activity do you do?
9. Sermon #2 was a message about God’s expectations for a heart that has returned to Him. The application pointed to our morals, ethics, and compassion as the true indicator of our heart condition. Can you think of any New Testament passages that teach this same truth?