

Haggai, Ezra and Nehemiah

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Monday, 9:30 – 11:00 am

To be discussed –01/11/21

Lesson 2

Ezra 2:1-3:13

1. Read Ezra 2. Who were the people that returned? Where did they go? Approximately how many were there?
2. Reading lists of names may seem tedious and unimportant to us, but 2 Tim. 3:16 reminds us, *All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness*. Why were these lists important to the people? To us? What do they tell you about God? (See also Luke 10:20 and John 10:2-3, 14-15)
3. Read Ezra 3:1-7. What were the first two things the people did *despite their fear of the peoples around them*? Why? What does that say to us? What is your first priority in life? How does your life evidence that?
4. Why was the celebration of the feasts so important? What is comparable for us today?
5. Read Ezra 2:7-13. What was their next building task? Why was there a delay of several months? What had to be acquired first? How?
6. Who was appointed to supervise the construction? Why?
7. What was the occasion for their worship described in vv. 10-13? In the midst of all the praise and joy, why did some of the older priests weep?
8. Think about their attitude and their demonstration of worship. How does that compare with Christians today? Do we take worship as seriously as they did? What can we learn from them?