

For the week of October 3, 2021
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Build The Altar First

Third week in the series: Return & Rebuild

Ezra 3

The Israelites have returned, so they get to the work of rebuilding the temple. As they do so, we'll see them dealing with issues that are as current today as they were then. How do they move forward with something new while honoring the past? What is the first priority of a community when it comes to cultivating the presence of God? How do you deal with different reactions to a physical space? In the midst of these difficult questions, we'll see the goodness of God highlighted as the unifying declaration for the people of God.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is the first thing you do in the morning?
2. If someone were to look at your schedule or finances, what would they conclude is your top priority?
3. What's the difference between honoring the past and honoring God's work in the past?
4. How has God been good to you?
5. What are you grieving right now? What are you celebrating?
6. Are you more tempted to lose your focus on God through nostalgia for the past or excitement for the future?