

**Built for Worship**  
**Another king, another letter – Ezra 7:11-28**

**Ezra's letter from King Artaxerxes (v.11)**

**1. Purpose of the mission (v.12-17)**

“Enquire about Judah and Jerusalem with regard to the Law of your God, which is in your hand.” (v.14)



**2. Provision for the mission (v.15-24)**

“Anything... needed for the temple of your God that you are responsible to supply, you may provide from the royal treasury.” (v.20)



**3. Performing the mission (v.25-28)**

“Praise be to the Lord, the God of our ancestors, who has put it into the king's heart to bring honour to the house of the Lord in Jerusalem in this way.” (v.27)



## **Built for Worship**

### **Another king, another letter – Ezra 7:11-28**

#### **Digging Deeper Questions for personal reflection or discussion**

##### **1. Purpose of mission (v.12-17)**

- ? What was the purpose of Ezra's mission?
- ? What is the most important thing God wants for your life? If understood this as a 'mission' from God, how would that change the way you saw it?
- ? What is our church's mission statement? Can you say it without looking?
- ? Could you describe it to someone who isn't part of our church, so that they get what we're about?

##### **2. Provision for mission (v.15-24)**

- How did God provide for the mission He gave to Ezra?
- How has God provided for your needs over the years, including now?
- How do you view the money & resources that you have – as yours or the Lord's?
- How are you using the finances God has given you in order to follow His ways more closely?

##### **3. Performing the mission**

- What was the key to Ezra being able to perform/fulfil his mission?
- How might we be better at 'seeing' what God is doing through this pandemic situation?
- What do you think God is calling you to do for Him during this time? How will you best fulfil this calling?