

Built for Worship
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Anticipating the plot line

God's Kingdom is built through the ministry of the word (5:1-2)

God's Kingdom is built through faithful and honest servants (5:3-17)

God's Kingdom is built through His providential rule over all things (6:1-12)

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Questions for personal reflection or discussion over the coming week

If you've been following the Ezra series since the start, how have you been finding it? What has God been teaching you so far? How do you think the story will end?

At the end of chapter 4, the building work stops for a number of years. Can you think of ways that it seems like the devil is winning in his crusade against Christians in our world today?

Why do you think the teaching of the prophets Haggai & Zechariah stir the people to restart the rebuilding project once again?

Why is it important for Christians to continue to open the Bible as our source of hope and encouragement? List all the different ways that we can gain Bible teaching? Which ones are having the most impact on you at the moment?

In what ways were the Jewish leaders faithful and honest servants in the reply they gave to the government officials (5:11-16)?

In what ways might you be a faithful and honest servant of 'the God of heaven & earth' (v.11) at this time?

How do we see God at work through all the people in this account?

In what ways can you see God at work for good in your life right now? Will you praise Him for it and trust Him for what is ahead?!