

Grace Group Notes

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Responding to the Call of God
Ezra chapter one

Week of January 14, 2018

Welcome

Let's get to know each other. You can use this question during your meal together.

1. *What historical events have most scattered or restored your family: War? Economic opportunity? Moving to a new city, state, country? Emigration? Persecution? Other?

Worship

Let's enter the presence of God together.

Songs led by worship leader or worship resource. Or read a Psalm such as Ps. 150 and each person offer a praise for an attribute of God.

Word

Let's interact with God's Word.

Read Ezra chapter one and Jeremiah 25:11-12; 29:10

2. In what sense is Jeremiah's prophecy fulfilled by Cyrus? By the "people of any place" (v. 4)? By their neighbors (v. 6)? By God?
3. Which factors from Cyrus' story have also shaped who you are: (a) Building projects? (b) Mercy toward others? (c) Family ties?
4. God moves hearts of kings and families alike to do his will. How has God "moved your heart"?
5. Take time and pray for each other either as a whole group or pair up.

Witness

Let's focus on who we can reach out to.

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