

Bible Summary

Homesick-Ezra--Revive

Ezra is a priest tasked with leading a rag tag group across the desert to exit exile and go home. The call goes out and only 2% of the exiles respond. Ezra knows that he has to revive this group and even call up others if Jerusalem is to ever become an outpost of God's Kingdom. He revives them by getting together his crew, prayer and fasting and lastly going nuclear on sin specifically sexual sin.

Scriptures: Ezra 8-10; Matthew 26:37; Deuteronomy 25; Ecclesiastes 2; 1 Corinthians 15:33; Hosea 11:2, Revelation 2:1-4; James 5:19-20; Isaiah 58:1-12; Matthew 5:27-30; Romans 8:13; Ephesians 4:22; Ephesians 4:31; Colossians 3:5; Galatians 5:24; 1 John 1:9

Bible Questions & Application

(These are meant to aid in facilitating conversation.
There is no obligation to run through **every** listed question.)

1. How did Sunday's teaching challenge your thinking?
2. Matt says, "we're the average of our five best friends." Take some time right now to list your crew.
 - a. Would those people know you listed them?
 - b. Share ways they motivate you towards godliness.
3. The purpose of community groups is to do life together. What barriers need to be removed so that we become more of a "tribe".
4. Who is a "lost Levite" in your life that needs to be encouraged to come back to the fold? Name one and share your plan for reaching out to them.
5. Every revival started with fasting and prayer.
 - a. Have you ever fasted and prayed? Can you share about that experience.
 - b. Share some obstacles that keep you from fasting and praying.
6. To go psycho on sin, we need to mortify the flesh. (Romans 8:13) Matt said, "instead of mortifying sin, we tend to modify, qualify, pacify, excuse and justify sin".
 - a. Which one of those is your tendency?
 - b. How do you get past that?
7. How does confession of sin (1 John 1:9) help us to go psycho on sin?
8. Can you think of some ways in your own household/family where you need to go psycho on sin?