

# God Moves Hearts I The Book of Ezra 01.28.24

## **START TALKING** | (Find a conversation starter for your group)

What do you like most about football (or any sport): The game? Is it all about the team? Or, the backstory of the players? Or, maybe you could care less?

## **START EXPLORING | (Read the Bible)**

### Read Ezra 1:1-5

- In verse 5, Ezra talks about those three tribes numbering roughly 50,000 Jews. These are known as a remnant.
  - Discuss what it would have been like for them to say "YES," to go back and rebuild.
    - What conversations would they have had to have as families?
    - What changes would they need to prepare for?
    - How would this decision have impacted their lives?

#### Read Acts 2:42-47.

- What parallel does this remnant of 50,000 people in Ezra 1 have with the 3,000 people in Acts 2?
- What changes did these 3,000 people make after finding and following Jesus?

## **START SHARING** | (Choose a question to create openness)

- How did this message strengthen or remind you of who we are as part of those who continue to call Pathways home?
- What changes will you need to make to rebuild something that God is calling you to rebuild in your life?
- If you decided to fast this past week, what was your experience?
- We've been talking a lot about rebuilds—whether it's individually or collectively as a church family. What do you believe God is saying to your Small Group?



## Start Praying. (Be bold and pray with power)

"God, there's no way I can rebuild anything in my life without You. I need to be reminded of who I am in You. We need to be reminded of who we are in You as a church family. We belong to You. I belong to You. So whatever You want to do, I am open to you. I re-surrender my will. I release control. Show me. Teach me. Guide me in Your ways by Your Word and Spirit so that I can honor You."

## Start Doing. (Commit to a step, and live it out this week)

Is God calling you to help rebuild by stepping up to be a servant leader in ministry through Pathways?

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