



Getting Ready to Build I The Book of Ezra 02.11.24

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

What is your favorite Super Bowl commercial of all time?

START EXPLORING | (Read the Bible)

Read Ezra 3:10-13.

Imagine the scene: Here the Israelites had just laid the temple's foundation, and it was a big moment. Two groups of people who have different perspectives.

Now read 2 Peter 3:3-10.

This passage is about perspective as well. God's perspective and our perspective on time.

- What's the context of the passage? And what are the takeaways?

START SHARING | (Choose a question to create openness)

- How does the Lord need to shape your perspective on how you see life?
- Are there any priorities you need to change in light of God's agenda or heart for your life? (REMEMBER the illustration of rocks, pebbles, and sand.)
- When do you connect with God on a daily basis?
 - What's that time like for you?
 - How could the group help you grow in this area?
- Anything else hit you about the message that you want to talk about as a group?

Start Praying. (Be bold and pray with power)

"God, thank you for loving me. I don't deserve to worship You, but You made the way for me to be close to You. Because of your Son, and His sacrifice—I get to be in relationship with You. Not in just a one-time decision kind of way when I said the "sinner's prayer," but in a daily relationship as I spend time with You. Thank you for our relationship!"

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

Focus on your "chair time" this week as the way in which you worship and connect with God. Use Jesus' example as a guide in Mark 1:35.