



The Book of Ezra  
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**START TALKING | (Find a conversation starter for your group)**

How do you deal with ridicule?

1. Revenge?
2. Form a protective alliance?
3. Give in?
4. Other?

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

Read Ezra 3:3 and Ezra 4:1-5

- What psychological tool is used here against Israel?
- Why did Zerrubbabel and the others respond as they did?
- Cryus reigned 29 years (559-530 B.C.) – What must have been the impact of dealing with opposition over that long of time?

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

- What clues can you look for to figure out who has a part in God's work, and who is opposed to him?
- When has someone tried to wear you out or scare you away from completing a certain task?
  - Did you continue or quit? Why?

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

*How can this group be praying for you this week?*

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

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