



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

Who is someone you know who needs hope?

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

Read Ezra 3:2

- Why is our hope in God in spite of our sin?

Read Psalm 51

- What stands out to you in this passage?
- What is different today than it was in the time before Christ?

Read James 5:16

- Why is confession important in this verse?

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

- How have you experienced God's forgiveness in your life?
- What do you need to admit about yourself to God?
- Can you think of a time when you took steps to overcome a specific sin?
- How can confession be more of a regular habit in your life?

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

*"Father, I confess my sins to you. I know that change requires confession so I humbly come before you and ask for your forgiveness. I confess my pride. I confess my busyness. I confess my lack of seeking You more than being concerned about everything and everyone else. I need you to change me and make more like you. In Jesus, name. Amen"*

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

Practice being completely honest and open about your sin with God this week in prayer. Ask Him to show you the steps to take to become more like Him in your thoughts, attitudes, and behaviors.