

Use the following growth group discussion questions to deepen your relationship with God, his Word and others.

BREAK IT OUT:

1. What's the farthest you have moved? How was the adjustment?
2. What got your attention or surprised you in Sunday's sermon?

TALK IT OUT:

3. God rescued the Israelites over and over again. In what ways do we see or experience the rescuing power of God in our lives?
4. How can we cultivate God's presence in our lives? How can we be sure it is God?
5. When the people of Israel began working on the foundation of the temple, they met resistance, conflict and opposition. When we seek to follow God's will with a passionate heart, what resistance might we face?
6. What struggles do we face in our communication with God?
7. How can we grow in our prayer life personally and corporately?
8. How can we build a temple (our bodies, our lives) in ways that are honoring to God?

WORK IT OUT:

9. As a result of this sermon, what can you do to make sure God is first in your heart, schedule and actions?
10. How can your growth group help you in this journey?

A FRESH RETURN HOME

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A good thing about being thrown into exile (*if there is such a thing*) is that *if* you make your way back, you can have a clean start. Judah was given the opportunity to re-start. What would your priorities be if someone washed your life slate clean? If exile is being where you do not belong, where do you belong? What does the perfect life environment look like to you? Let's take hold of today's opportunity to start clean, with these three traits.

1. **We can cultivate God's presence in our life** - (*1 Corinthians 6:19-20*). God has made the Holy Spirit available to everyone who accepts Jesus.
2. **We can be people of prayer** - (*Hebrews 10:19-22*). We can talk directly to God through Jesus.
3. **We can know that we are God's people, that we belong to Him** - (*1 Corinthians 3:16*). Some of our temples need some cleaning.

Conclusion

Whether back from exile or not, we will benefit from prioritizing: God's presence, prayer and our temple.

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