

LESSON 7—Ezra

Questions and Answers—Student Guide

Lesson goal: The goal of this lesson is to answer the question, “How did Ezra serve the Lord faithfully as a spiritual leader to his people?”

Pre-Lesson Preparation

Read Ezra 1:1-5, 7:1-6; Nehemiah 8:1-12.

Think

Do you have people in your life—faithful and wise Christians—that you turn to for advice and support? Who are they? How have they helped you in your faith?

Evaluate

1. Who are the characters in this story?
2. What are the objects in this story?
3. Where did this story happen?
4. When did this story happen?
5. What is the problem?
6. What events occurred in this story?
7. Is the problem solved?

Learn

8. What is the main theme of this lesson?
9. What sin or sins does this lesson teach you to confess?
10. Where do you see the love of God in this lesson?
11. What does God teach you to do in this lesson?

Lead

12. What would be a good situation in which to share this message?

Additional questions

13. Discuss “intermarriage”—marriage between a believer and a non-believer. Read the case study and underline phrases that catch your eye. What advice would you give Alexander?
14. What does the New Testament say about intermarriage to those who have already married and their spouse is not a believer?
15. What does the New Testament say about intermarriage to those who have not yet married?

16. Read the book of Haggai, who is another prophet from the same era. The reconstruction of the temple was stopped for awhile. Read this book to find out why. When would you use this book to encourage God's people?

Lesson wrap-up

17. How did Ezra serve the Lord faithfully as a spiritual leader to his people?