

TALK

1. Gather in the name of the Father, Son & Holy Spirit. Share your highs/lows. Read Ezra 1:1-8 & Nehemiah 1:1-11. What strikes you as you read?
2. What strikes you about Cyrus' decree sending the exiles back to Israel? Read Jeremiah 25:8-13 & 29:10-14 and Isaiah 44:28-45:5 for the prophetic context.
3. How do you react to seeing a pagan king acknowledging his accountability & accessibility to the God who also calls you his own? What would it be like for even a non-Christian "king" in our day to admit he has to answer to God? How would that go in the polls? Why do you think that?
4. How do you pray for the state of the church, both Living Water & the wider church around the nation? What do you see of its spiritual condition that bothers you? What do you know about Christians in spiritual or financial trouble or those who are being persecuted? What do you actually do about their circumstances?
5. How do you think prayer prepared Nehemiah to lead his people?
6. How might you further develop your prayer life to become an effective leader & catalyst for God's work here like Nehemiah was there?

READ

Sunday	Joel 2:28	Thursday	1 Peter 2:9
Monday	Romans 12:1-2	Friday	Galatians 3:26-27
Tuesday	John 15:5	Saturday	Psalms 33:18
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 6:19-20	MEMORIZE	Ezra 7:10

PRAY

PRAISE GOD for blessing us with grace beyond our deserving.

THANK JESUS for blessing us with every blessing in the Father's realm.

ASK THE HOLY SPIRIT to move you in love to those near you this week for the sake of Christ's kingdom.

BLESS

Make the sign of the cross on each other as you say:
(Name), † child of God, the Father gives you the power to see yourself as He sees you: beloved.
Amen.



Growing PRAISE

EVERY NIGHT...EVERY HOME...THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS IN LIFE

29 January - 4 February 2023

VERSE OF THE WEEK — Ezra 1:1a

"In the first year of King Cyrus of Persia, the Lord fulfilled the prophecy he had given through Jeremiah."

TABLE GRACE

(tune: 'The Lone Ranger')

Be present at our table Lord!

Be here and everywhere adored.

These mercies bless

and grant that we,

may feast in paradise with thee.

Amen.

5 POINT CHECK-UP

1. Share your highs (good times) and lows (bad times)
2. Read a verse from the Bible.
3. What do you find "best" in the text? What is most confusing or hard to understand? What does God want you to do?
4. Pray for one another (Praise God, Thank Jesus, Ask the Holy Spirit).
5. Bless one another.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"Church people worry that the world might change the church; Kingdom people work to see the church change the world."

-- Howard Snyder

Living Water Fellowship, Wagga Wagga

Come...Grow...Go...Show



Living Water
fellowship