



WEST HIGHLAND
BAPTIST CHURCH

Facilitators' Guide for Community Groups

June 22, 2025

Return + Rebuild: Repentance in the Rain **Ezra 10:1-17**

1. Welcome (an ice-breaker discussion to get everyone comfortable with sharing):

The first day of summer this year was June 20. Because we are now officially in summer, discuss around the group what your favourite summer activity is!

2. Worship (to draw our hearts to the Lord and invite Him into our discussion):

Sing "Only a Holy God" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8FOuQ-u9w5g>

Dozens of other worship songs are also available at www.westhighland.org/smallgroupsongs.

3. Word (to consider how the sermon applies to our lives, and to live out the "one anothers"):

Read together:

Sermon Summary

In Ezra 9–10, we witness a powerful moment of communal conviction and repentance among God's people. After returning to the Promised Land, the Israelites fall into spiritual compromise by intermarrying with idolaters, violating God's clear commands. Ezra's grief over their sin leads to a heartfelt prayer of confession, marked by humility, honesty, and reverence for God's mercy. This repentance sparks a movement of obedience which comes at great personal cost. The people respond not just with emotion but with action, choosing holiness over comfort. The passage reminds us that true repentance involves acknowledging sin, turning from it, and aligning our lives with God's Word. And when we do, we discover that God meets us offering hope and renewed fellowship.

Sermon Questions

1. How did Ezra show he was upset about the people's sin, and what can we learn from his reaction?
2. What principles from Ezras Prayer in 9:6-15 can we apply to our own prayer life when we sin?
3. In Ezra 10:2, when Shecaniah says, "There is still hope," what does that tell us about what God is like?
4. Why is it important to do something to fix our sin, not just say we're sorry?
5. How can we help someone feel comfortable to confess their sins, and reach out for help and prayer?

4. Witness (joining Jesus in his mission):

Summer camp is a wonderful opportunity to live missionally this summer and share the gospel with our community. Please pray with us for God to do His work in this ministry. Please pray:

- For God's provision of additional adult support, specifically July 21-25, July 28-August 1 and August 11-15.
- That God would go before us and open hearts of children and youth to be receptive to the gospel message.
- For God's wisdom for our staff and disciplers in gospel conversations with children and youth this summer.

If you would like to participate in this opportunity, feel free to sign up at

<https://westhighland.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2716538>

If you have any further questions or would like future prayer requests for camp, feel free to reach out to Kim Beaman @ kbeaman@westhighland.org.