



# Ezra & Nehemiah

A New Exodus : Restoring Identity, Worship and Mission

Mission Red Bank 2025

## Overview -

### Community Group Guide

In Ezra and Nehemiah, God’s people return from exile—not just to rebuild a city, but to rebuild themselves as His people. Their journey is a “new exodus”: leaving behind where they cannot remain, trusting a God who knows the way, and restoring identity, worship, and mission in the process.

As followers of Jesus, we too are invited into a new exodus—called out of comfort or compromise and into Spirit-led obedience. This eight-week series walks with God’s people from brokenness to rebuilding, learning how to trust, worship, obey, and persevere as His people in a fractured world.

## The Roadmap

Week	Title	Scripture
Week 1	Exile, Exodus, and the God Who Leads	Ezra 1, Nehemiah 1
Week 2	The Problem and the Provision	Ezra 3, Nehemiah 2
Week 3	Prayer and Prophecy: Foundation for Renewal	Ezra 9, Nehemiah 1
Week 4	Worship Restored: Centering Our Lives on YHWH	Ezra 6, Nehemiah 12
Week 5	Torah Rediscovered: Returning to the Word	Nehemiah 8
Week 6	Identity Reclaimed: Living as God’s People	Nehemiah 9-10
Week 7	Walls and Worship: Securing the Mission	Nehemiah 6-7
Week 8	The Mission Continues	Nehemiah 13

## User Guide

Below are prepared questions. These pertain to the scripture used in the previous week’s homily. Use these suggested questions as a means to spark and guide conversations in your group as needed.

# Week 1

- *Exile, Exodus, and the God Who Leads*

## Community Group Questions

1. Where in your life might God be calling you to move—even if the next steps aren't yet clear?
  2. How have you experienced “freedom” that wasn't really freedom?
  3. What makes it hard to trust God when you don't know the outcome?
  4. What's one act of trust or obedience you could take this week?
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# Week 2

- *The Problem and the Provision*

## Community Group Questions

1. What “ruins” or broken places in your life or community feel overwhelming right now?
  2. How have you seen God's provision show up when you needed it most?
  3. What does it mean to start with what you have instead of waiting for more?
  4. Where is God asking you to rebuild?
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# Week 3

## *Prayer and Prophecy: Foundation for Renewal*

## Community Group Questions

1. Why do we often try to rebuild before we pray?
  2. What does it look like to confess both personally and corporately?
  3. How do God's promises shape your prayers?
  4. Where in your life might God be calling you to stop fixing and start praying?
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# Week 4

## *Worship Restored: Centering Our Lives on YHWH*

### **Community Group Questions**

1. Why do you think worship came before rebuilding in Ezra and Nehemiah's story?
  2. How can worship become more than a Sunday activity in your life?
  3. What voices or priorities have taken center stage in your heart lately?
  4. What would it look like to return worship to the center of your week?
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# Week 5

## *Torah Rediscovered: Returning to the Word*

### **Community Group Questions**

1. Why do you think the people wept when they heard the Word read aloud?
  2. What does joyful obedience to Scripture look like in your life right now?
  3. When has Scripture shaped your identity or perspective?
  4. How can you make space for hearing and responding to God's Word this week?
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# Week 6

## *Identity Reclaimed: Living as God's People*

### **Community Group Questions**

1. Why is remembering such a powerful part of faith?
  2. How do you experience God's people as your spiritual family?
  3. What's the difference between legalism and loving obedience?
  4. What part of your identity in Christ feels most at risk—or most alive—right now?
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# Week 7

## *Walls and Worship: Securing the Mission*

### **Community Group Questions**

1. Why is the completion of the wall not the end of the story?
  2. What “walls” or boundaries help protect your spiritual life right now?
  3. How does worship help preserve and sustain what God has done in us?
  4. Where is God calling you to greater spiritual vigilance?
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# Week 8

## *The Mission Continues*

### **Community Group Questions**

1. Why do you think the people fell back into old patterns so quickly?
  2. What are some signs that spiritual drift might be happening?
  3. How can you build healthy rhythms of ongoing renewal in your life?
  4. What does finishing well look like in this season for you?
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