
SHARING

Hymns (What we're praising God for):

Lessons (What God is teaching us):

Requests (What we're asking God to do):

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Read the passage (Ezra 3:1-12) and answer the following questions:

1. What stands out most and why?
2. What does the passage reveal to us about God?
3. What does the passage reveal to us about ourselves?
4. What are the immediate application points?

DEEPER DISCUSSION

1. Pastor Don talked a good deal about God's people being busy working. What are the good works that God's people should be active in today?
2. We were exhorted with this statement: "we've been left behind to continue the work that Christ began." What work did Jesus begin that we are to continue? How can we be part of that work? Share an experience where you were part of that work.
3. Unity was mentioned as a source of success for God's people. In what ways is the church unified? In your opinion, what threatens that unity in the church? And what strengthens unity in the church?
4. Pastor Don mentioned that the Israelites were willing to give freely according to their abilities and resources. Are there areas in your own life where the Lord is leading you to give (time, talents, treasure)? How can you respond to his prompting?
5. The commitment of God's people was another reason for their success. What is it that inspires deep commitment in God's people? What threatens commitment?
6. Spend some time as a group praying that God would unify our church, call us to greater commitment, and stir up a stronger sense of dedication.