

Ezra - Leading God's People

Ezra 9-10

“As I lay on the ground in front of the Temple, weeping and praying and making this confession, a large crowd of men, women, and children gathered around and cried with me.” (Ezra 10:1 TLB)

The personal life of Ezra: 3 areas that he set his heart to:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Contrast this personal pursuit of Ezra's with the warning in Ezra 9:12. **How do these pursuits affect the inheritance we leave to our children forever?**

Ezra 9:4, 10:1; Nehemiah 8:1, 8:3: What influence or effect does the leadership of Ezra have on the people?

Ezra 10:1-4,11-12 gives us a look into the importance of every part of the body. How does Ezra's interaction with the others in these verses relate to us?

Ezra 9:5-15 & Nehemiah 9:6-38, Ephesians 5:1, 2 Corinthians 5:14-15: How do you think these verses give us an understanding of what kind of heart Ezra had? Also, what do you see the motive/foundation of his heart was that led to him being an effective and influential leader? How might we apply this to our own lives?

What inspires you or challenges you about Ezra in regard to your desire and responsibility to be a leader?