

## Reflection and Discussion Questions for the Week of February 3, 2019

Read Ezra 3:1-7!

**Memorize Ezra 3:11** – *“And they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the Lord, ‘For He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever toward Israel.’ And all the people shouted with a great shout when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid.”*

What encouraged, challenged and or confused you about this passage or sermon?

1. Describe a time when you worked together with others as one man. What were some of the outcomes?
2. Why did the sons of Israel come together as one man?
3. What was and is the goal of rebuilding? (v. 2)
4. What were the people terrified of? How does this relate to John 4:20-21?
5. What was significant about the people celebrating the Feast of Booths? (v. 4)
6. What does observing the festivals lead to? (v. 5) What do you need to celebrate and give an offering of thankfulness to God?
7. How did this rebuilding of the altar, celebrations and generosity affect the surrounding nations? How might our rebuilding affect our community?