

## Reflection and Discussion Questions for the Week of January 6, 2019

Read Ezra 1:1!

**Memorize Ezra 1:2** – “Thus says Cyrus king of Persia: The LORD, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah.”

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

1. What government leaders seem far from God?
2. How are you praying for your government leaders? (1 Timothy 2:1-2)
3. What was the prophesy that Jeremiah gave concerning Cyrus?
4. Why study the Book of Ezra? In other words, how would you explain to your children or your non-Christian neighbours why this book is important to study today?
5. What (or who) seems impossible in your life that God can change to be a part of spiritual restoration?
6. What would it look like if our government leaders were stirred up by God to advance His cause?
7. As we begin this New Year, begin praying for God to change the impossible situation in your life.