



## **FEBRUARY 22**

### **Icebreaker Questions**

Describe a time when you broke a promise to someone. Include what, when, why, etc.

How did they respond?

How did you feel after?

### **Review the Text**

How did God keep His promise to Israel in Ezra 1:2-4?

Read Ezra 5:13. What was Cyrus's decree? Why is this significant in the history of Israel?

Read Ezra 7:21. How was Artaxerxes's decree a confirmation of Ezra's calling?

Read Ezra 7:25. What additional authority was Ezra given?

Read Ezra 10:10-12. What sin Ezra did call out in the people of Israel?

How did the people respond in v. 12?



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Why is it significant that God allowed His people to return home and then called them to faithful living?

### **Apply the Text**

What can we learn from God's plan to purify the nation of Israel from their sin?

How can God's dealing with Israel be an encouragement to us as we go through life?

Like Israel, God's faithfulness was based on His character, not Israel's. How can that be reassuring for us?

How does it make you feel that God keeps his promises?