



Sunday Sermon Discussion Outline

Pastor Philip Thomas, September 13, 2026

Ezra 6:1-22 – Rebuilding Results in... Consecration & Restoration

The temple was finally completed, dedicated, and used for worship. And with the rebuilding complete, the Israelites celebrated the Passover together with all who had separated themselves from the unclean practices of their Gentile neighbors in order to seek the Lord, the God of Israel.

God is sovereign over all.

God consecrates and restores.

God goes above and beyond what we ask or imagine.

We respond and apply the Word of God we have heard by trusting the Lord to complete his building of the Church.

Speaking the truth in love, may you grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love. As you have opportunity, may you do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith. (Ephesians 4:15-16, Galatians 6:10)

Discussion Questions:

- What did you learn from the first six chapters of Ezra? How have you applied those learnings?
- In what ways do the events of Ezra 6 demonstrate that God is sovereign over all?
- What does it mean to be consecrated? How were the Israelites consecrated? How can we be consecrated?
- According to Ezra 6:6-12 and Ephesians 3:14-21, how do God's responses to our petitions go above and beyond what we ask or even imagine?