



Sunday Sermon Discussion Outline

Pastor Philip Thomas, October 11, 2026

Ezra 10:1-44 – Repentance & Correction (Part 2)

Having confessed their sin, the Israelites took what looked like drastic and cruel corrective action. But there was more to the story.

Correction requires...

- Knowing God's Word
- Deliberate action
- Living as a believer in the Lord's calling

We respond and apply the Word of God we have heard by receiving the Lord's correction.

May you be fully assured in the Lord that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:38-39)

Discussion Questions:

- What can we learn from the Israelites' conviction, confession, and correction of sin?
- Based on Hebrews 12:4-11, who does the Lord discipline, why should we willingly receive his correction, and what is the nature of the Lord's correction?
- According to Proverbs 15:31-32, what does the Lord's correction lead us to?
- What does it mean to receive the Lord's correction without being afraid?
- What happens to us and others when we reject the Lord's correction?
- Why do we need to know the Lord's Word to willingly receive the Lord's correction?
- What deliberate action did the Israelites take under Ezra's leadership regarding those who had intermarried with the neighboring peoples (see Ezra 10:16-17)?
- How do 1 Corinthians 7:12-13 and verse 24 apply to the situation described in Ezra 10?