Study Guide on Ezra 7:6-10; 8:21-23

King James Version

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study. Each person should answer these two questions on their assigned verse.

- 1. What does this verse say?
- 2. What does this verse mean to me?
- 3. Discuss your answers with the class.

Ezra 7:6-10

(Ezra 7:6) This Ezra went up from Babylon; and he *was* a ready scribe in the law of Moses, which the LORD God of Israel had given: and the king granted him all his request, according to the hand of the LORD his God upon him.

(Ezra 7:7) And there went up *some* of the children of Israel, and of the priests, and the Levites, and the singers, and the porters, and the Nethinims, unto Jerusalem, in the seventh year of Artaxerxes the king.

(Ezra 7:8) And he came to Jerusalem in the fifth month, which was in the seventh year of the king.

(Ezra 7:9) For upon the first *day* of the first month began he to go up from Babylon, and on the first *day* of the fifth month came he to Jerusalem, according to the good hand of his God upon him.

(Ezra 7:10) For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the LORD, and to do *it*, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments.

Ezra 8:21-23

(Ezra 8:21) Then I proclaimed a fast there, at the river of Ahava, that we might afflict ourselves before our God, to seek of him a right way for us, and for our little ones, and for all our substance.

(Ezra 8:22) For I was ashamed to require of the king a band of soldiers and horsemen to help us against the enemy in the way: because we had spoken unto the king, saying, The hand of our God *is* upon all them for good that seek him; but his power and his wrath *is* against all them that forsake him.

(Ezra 8:23) So we fasted and besought our God for this: and he was intreated of us.

Write the verse or verses you have been assigned in the space below:

Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Study

1. What does the verse say?2. What does the verse mean to me?