

**A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study**  
**Sunday, August 16, 2020**  
**Ezra 3:7-13 and Haggai 2:1-9**

1. What happened in the previous section that we studied in Wednesday's Bible study?
  - a. I don't remember.
  - b. The people of God gathered as one!
  - c. They rebuilt the altar and worshiped God even though there was no building yet.
  - d. They overcame their fear to worship as God had called them to.
  - e. They put God first when they returned, which was different from how the people of God lived before the exile.
  
2. Read the following verses:  
Ezra 3:7, 1 Chronicles 22:2-4, and 2 Chronicles 2:15-16  
Ezra 3:8 and 2 Chronicles 3:2  
Ezra 3:10-11 and 2 Chronicles 5:11-13; 7:3
  - a. What is happening in these verses in Ezra? \_\_\_\_\_  
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  - b. What do the verses in 1 & 2 Chronicles describe? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Why do you think the book of Ezra records these things in this way? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Why were the people of God celebrating, according to Ezra 3:11?
  - a. Because they were done.
  - b. Because they had taken the first step.
  
5. What happened in Ezra 3:12-13?
  - a. Everybody loved the progress that they had made in building the temple.
  - b. All of God's people were excited about what God had enabled them to do.
  - c. The people who had seen the previous temple were weeping because the foundation of the new temple did not live up to the glory of the former temple.
  - d. The weeping was as loud as the shouting and it was difficult to tell the difference.
  
6. Do people ever feel this way today when they look at the church? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Explain and give some examples. \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. What encouragement does the prophet Haggai later give to those who might weep over the new temple (see Haggai 2:1-9)?
  - a. He tells the people to be strong.
  - b. He assures them that he is with them.
  - c. He assures them that he will live amongst His people just as He had promised (Exodus 29:45, Leviticus 26:11)
  - d. He tells them that the glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house.
  
8. Does the work that God is doing ever seem to fail to live up to your expectations? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ What might God tell you in times like this?
  
9. Is it possible that God has greater glory in store even when it is difficult to see from the physical circumstances? \_\_\_\_\_