

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Wednesday, September 16, 2020
Ezra 9:1-15

1. What happened in Sunday's Bible Study? _____

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3. According to Ezra 9:1, what did the leaders of the people of Israel tell Ezra when he arrived?
 - a. The people have not kept themselves separate from the neighboring people.
 - b. The people have not kept themselves separate from the practices of the neighboring people.
 - c. Even the priests and the Levites have not kept themselves separate.
 - d. The Israelites had taken some of the daughters of the neighboring peoples for their wives...and the leaders and officials have led the way in this unfaithfulness.
4. Why were God's people not supposed to intermarry with the people around them?
 - a. Because they were racist.
 - b. Deuteronomy 7:3-4.
 - c. 1 Kings 11:1-6.
 - d. 2 Corinthians 6:14-18.
5. What are the likely outcomes of being in a relationship with someone who does not worship your God? _____
What happens when a husband and wife are united in the worship of the same God? _____

6. What does Ezra do in 9:3?
 - a. Shrugged his shoulders and continue on with his business.
 - b. Tore his tunic and cloak.
 - c. Pulled hair from his head and beard.
 - d. Sat down appalled.
7. What happened in 9:1-2 to cause Ezra this distress? _____

8. Who gathered around Ezra, according to verse 4? _____

9. What did Ezra do at the time of the evening sacrifice, according to verse 5?
 - a. Quit, because he nobody was going to follow God anyway.
 - b. Encouraged everybody to vote or write to their local school board representative in order to change the policies of the local area to encourage godliness.
 - c. He rose from his self-abasement (the belittling or humiliation of oneself).
 - d. He fell on his knees with his hands spread out to the Lord and prayed!
10. How did he pray?
 - a. God, help these idiots.
 - b. God, help these ungodly, evil people who don't want to follow you.
 - c. I am ashamed...because our sins are higher than our heads and our guilt has reached to the heavens.
 - d. He recognized before God the consequences that Israel had endured for their past sin.
11. How do you pray for people in your church, at work, at school, and for our country and its political leaders? _____

12. What does Ezra say in verses 8-15?
 - a. He thanks God for His grace since they are such terrible sinners.
 - b. He recognizes that God has been gracious even when they did not deserve it.
 - c. He asks rhetorically, in verse 14, whether they should continue to break God's commands after He has been so gracious to them.
 - d. He suggests that God would be angry enough about such a thing to destroy His people, but this time might not leave a remnant.

13. Read these scriptures and describe how they suggest we should respond to God's grace.
 - a. Romans 6:1-4. _____
 - b. Titus 2:11-15. _____
 - c. Ephesians 2:8-10. _____
 - d. Colossians 1:21-23. _____
 - e. Colossians 3:1-17. _____