

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: February 13, 2016
Ezra 3:1-6

1. What happened last week in chapters 1 and 2?
 - a. King Cyrus issued a decree allowing the people of Israel to return.
 - b. King Cyrus said that God had told him that the temple must be rebuilt in Jerusalem.
 - c. King Cyrus told all of the people to give silver and gold, goods and livestock, and other valuable gifts and freewill offerings to the Jews who would return to Jerusalem.
 - d. King Cyrus opened his treasury to return the temple articles to the Jews...5400 articles of gold and silver.
 - e. Over 42,000 people returned to Jerusalem and Judah.

2. What happened, according to 3:1, when the people had settled in their towns? _____

3. Do you think God's people still assemble in this way? Yes_____ No_____ Why or why not? _____

4. What did they do first, in verse 2? _____

5. What does verse 3 tell us about the Jews who returned and built the altar?
 - a. It was easy to worship God.
 - b. They were afraid of the people around them.
 - c. They built the altar and worshipped no matter what.

6. Was the temple already rebuilt (see verse 6)? Yes_____ No_____ Explain. _____

7. What gets in the way of you doing what God commands?
 - a. Fear.
 - b. The state of the building.
 - c. My surroundings.
 - d. Nothing!