

**A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study**  
**Date: May 29, 2016**  
**Zechariah 7:1-14**

1. What is happening in verses 1-4? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. What does God ask the people in verse 5-7? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Is it possible to do the right thing for the wrong reasons? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Explain.  
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4. What does God say to them in verses 8-10? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. Are there other places in the scripture, particularly the New Testament, where we might find similar statements
  - a. Yes, God tells Zechariah that this is exactly what He had said through the earlier prophets.
  - b. Isaiah 1:11-17 may be a good example.
  - c. Perhaps Hosea 6:6 is appropriate.
  - d. Amos doesn't mess around in 5:21-24.
  - e. I think Jesus had something to say about this (see Matthew 23, particularly verses 23-26)
6. How have people often responded to God's request for authenticity rather than religiosity, according to verses 11-14?
  - a. We usually listen.
  - b. It's almost like we think we can fool God.
  - c. God reminds us over and over about our tendency to ignore Him and asks that we remember the consequences of that for those who have gone before us and not follow in their footsteps.
7. How will you respond? \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. So, wait...should we fast or not (see Matt 6:16-18)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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