

Don't just stand there... Build something!

Session 1 Workshop Questions

The time has come

1. Foundations are important. Read Psalm 11:1-4 and discuss how that passage could be linked with the days of Zerubbabel.

2. What principles in these verses would encourage us not to give up what we have started?
Genesis 26:19-22 Luke 9:62 Colossians 4:17

3. Ezekiel the prophet began his ministry about 55 years before the time of Ezra 1. What are some similarities between Ezekiel 2:1-5 and Ezra 5:1-2? And what do those passages tell us about the Word of God?

4. Timing is often a matter of perspective. How would 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 guide us in the same way the prophets guided the people (compare Haggai 1:3-5)?

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Session 3 Workshop Questions

Take heed how you build

1. Here are some other “take heed” verses. How are they related to the subject of poor workmanship in building? Matthew 6:1 1 Corinthians 8:9 Galatians 5:15

2. In what ways would Ecclesiastes 10:18 be a companion verse to 1 Corinthians 3:12-14?

3. It's possible to preach to others but then become disqualified for service (1 Corinthians 9:27). Discuss two or three biblical examples of people who started well but finished poorly.

4. Read Acts 20:17-24. Identify some of the principles which guided Paul in his building efforts. How are they related to verse 32?

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Session 4 Workshop Questions

Encourage one another

1. According to 1 Timothy 4:15-16, how is our personal spiritual growth related to our ability to encourage others?

2. In Numbers 13, verse 30 gives encouragement and verses 31-33 give discouragement. Which one has a greater impact in Numbers 14:1-2? What reasons for encouragement do Joshua and Caleb give in 14:7-9?

3. Identify at least five details in the victory of Jonathan and his armor-bearer (1 Samuel 14:6-14) which could illustrate the ways two believers can encourage each other.

4. Zechariah 8:9 gives the words of the LORD to the people as they build. What points in this verse seem to be the keys to building with strength? And how can we use those keys today?