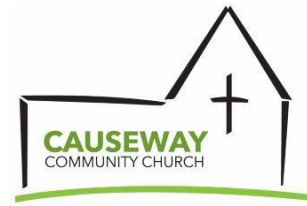


EZRA 2

SUNDAY 26th APRIL



BIBLE

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Ask God for help for yourself and the church as we read His word
Read Ezra 2

LISTEN

SERMON BY SPENCER

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REFLECTION

QUESTIONS AND NOTES

- What is your reaction when faced with a passage like Ezra 2?
 - What truth about the Bible should we bear in mind as we approach the text?

→ Overview

- What do you think the author wants us to notice in this chapter?

→ Register of those set free from captivity

- What is the context of the people of God just before this? What is it now?
 - How does this speak into our experience?
- How can we ensure that we are constantly aware and enlivened by the truth that Jesus has set us free from the captivity of our sin?
- How does being saved from the punishment of sin free us to serve and build the church?

→ Building the church

- Why is it significant that all of the families are listed?
- What are the implications of us seeing all the church involved in and responsible for building the Church?

- What does it mean to give and serve according to our ability?
 - How might we best serve and give according to our ability at this time?
- Summarise and Apply
 - What in this passage leads us to worship Jesus?
 - What do we learn about ourselves from this passage? How does it lead us to give thanks or repent?
 - How might this help us share the good news with our friends and neighbours who don't know Jesus?

PRAYER

RESPOND TO GOD IN PRAISE AND PLEADING

Use Paul's Prayer from Ephesians 3 to help you structure your prayers. Pray in response to the passage, for yourself, the church and others.

14 For this reason I kneel before the Father, 15 from whom every family^[a] in heaven and on earth derives its name. 16 I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, 18 may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, 19 and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

20 Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.