



A Fresh Start on Faith

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Outline

- ▶ *Then I saw heaven opened, and a white horse was standing there. Its rider was named Faithful and True, for He judges fairly and wages a righteous war.*
Revelation 19:11 (NLT)

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1. Begins with the _____ of God.
(Ezra 1:1-4. C/R: Psalm 89:1-2; Revelation 19:11)

2. Is _____.
(Ezra 1:5-6; 2:1-2. C/R: Isaiah 43:1)

3. Is lived out _____.
(Ezra 3:1. C/R: Ephesians 4:16)

4. Is fueled by the _____.
(Ezra 3:2-3; Nehemiah 8:1-6. C/R: 2 Timothy 3:14-17)

Lord's Supper Scripture Reading: Colossians 1:9-22

Answers: 1. faithfulness 2. personal 3. together 4. Scriptures

Resource Information: Unless otherwise noted, outline and onscreen verses are from NLT version (New Living Translation) of *The Holy Bible*. C/R, if noted, refers to a 'cross reference' of Scripture verse(s). Today's outline and discussion guide are available to mobile device users through the Brookwood Church app available through your favorite app store.



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► Discussion Guide

Use this guide with friends or on your own to pursue your relationship with Jesus. Take time to reflect, learn and talk with God. Find a Small Group at brookwoodchurch.org/smallgroups.

Conversation Starter

Describe a time you felt truly loved.

Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Read [Ezra 1:1-6](#).

The Jewish people had been living away from their homeland in captivity for 70 years when Cyrus made his proclamation.

1. How did God show His faithfulness? (see [Jeremiah 29:10-14](#))
2. How would you have responded if you were one of the Jewish people living in captivity?
3. Why was rebuilding the *Temple of the Lord* important?
4. How has God shown His faithfulness to you?

Read [Ezra 3:1-3](#).

5. For what purpose did the people gather together?
6. What are some things God wants us to do when we get together? (See also: [Acts 2:42-47](#))
7. What could someone else do to help your faith grow?

Read [Nehemiah 8:1-6](#).

8. What did Ezra do? How did the people respond?
9. What is your biggest challenge when it comes to reading the Bible?
10. What step(s) could you take to overcome this challenge?

Soul Training

Read [Psalm 89:1-2](#) slowly several times. Ask God, *What do you want me to know?* Take at least 5 minutes to listen for what God puts in your mind. Write down what you sense He's saying to you.

Memory Verse

Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and He will give you everything you need. [Matthew 6:33 NLT](#)

Daily Reading

Day 1: [Ezra 1:1-6](#)

Day 4: [Isaiah 43:10-13](#)

Day 2: [Nehemiah 8:1-6](#)

Day 5: [Colossians 1:9-22](#)

Day 3: [Acts 2:42-47](#)

Prepare for Next Sunday

Read [1 Samuel 1:1-2:11](#) to prepare for the first sermon in the series *Belonging to God: The Life of Samuel* starting Sunday, January 14. Ask God to reveal Himself to you personally during this series.