

Haggai, Ezra and Nehemiah

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Monday, 9:30 – 11:00 am

To be discussed –02/22/21

Lesson 8

Ezra 10:1-44

1. Read Ezra 10:1-8. What effect did Ezra's public prayer before the house of God have on the people? (vv. 1-2)
2. What may have motivated Shecaniah to respond for the people? (vv. 2, 26)?
3. What did the Israelites agree to do about the problem? Why? What role was Ezra asked to assume? (vv. 2-5)
4. How does chapter 10 confirm that Ezra's initial *public* display of grief was utterly sincere?
5. What would happen to those who failed to respond to the proclamation to assemble?
6. Read Ezra 1:9-17. When Ezra finally stood before the gathering of all the men of Judah and Benjamin, what did he require of them? (vv. 9-11)
7. How did they respond? (vv. 12-17) How long did it take them to finish dealing with the problem?
8. Is obedience to God's will an easy thing? Why or why not?
9. Thinking back over the book of Ezra, what would you say are the most important lessons for God's people today to learn from these events recorded from the past?