

**April 21, 2024**

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### **Ezra 3**

#### **Review**

Ezra 1: God has a plan for our lives and His church

Ezra 2: The work of God will be done by the people of God when they respond to the move of God in their hearts (Go, Give, Get involved)

#### **Overall Theme**

Keep Jesus the \_\_\_\_\_, through Him we have a connection with God (Ezra 3:1-9)

- ✓ Believing in Jesus and standing for truth is very unpopular
- ✓ Washington Alliance will continue to follow Jesus through worship, connecting, and serving

#### **Past hurts are remembered in 3 ways (Ezra 3:10-13)**

1. Through \_\_\_\_\_
2. Through \_\_\_\_\_
3. Through \_\_\_\_\_

**Do not let a hurtful past \_\_\_\_\_ you of a God-filled present and future**

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## Sermon Talks

1. What caught your attention in this week's message? Was there something you had never heard before or something you had a question about?
2. In the first two weeks of our study through Ezra, what application points have been most helpful for you?
3. What are some of the ways that you see Washington Alliance being intentional about keeping Jesus and the Bible the priority of the church?
4. How are you being intentional about making Jesus and the Bible the priority in your life?
5. List some examples of how being a Christian is unpopular in our culture today.
6. What can be learned from verses such as Mark 8:38 and Mark 13:13?
7. Read John 1:29, Ephesians 3:12, Hebrews 10:10, and 1 John 2:2. What do these verses say about who Jesus is, His sacrifice, and how He connects us to God?
8. Are your past hurts remembered through offenses, tragedies, sinful choices, or a combination of the three? How have you allowed the past to define your present, both positively and negatively?
9. How has God helped you to learn from, and grow from, past hurts?
10. How should you live in the present and enjoy the blessings of the Lord, and then move forward? How can the truth of 1 John 1:9 help with this?

**Pray about it: Meditate on God's Word (Ezra 3) and this week's message.**

**Adoration:** What can I praise God for in light of what this teaches me?

**Confession:** What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

**Thanksgiving:** What can I thank God for in light of what he has done?

**Supplication:** What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?