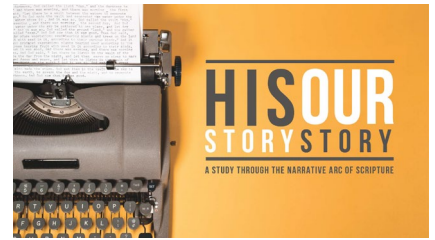


His Story – Our Story
Return (2 Chronicles 36:22-23)
Life Group Questions – March 17, 2019



Connect & Review

1. What is something you had really high expectations for, but it didn't come through as you hoped?
2. What are the people in this part of The Story returning from? Why do you think so few return?

Investigate & Dig

3. **Read 2 Chronicles 36:22-23.** What would you *expect* to happen after reading these words? Based on what we read in Ezra, Nehemiah and the three prophets during this time (Haggai, Zechariah, & Malachi) what actually happens? Why?
4. **Read Ezra 3.** How does this story help us understand this part of God's Story better? What most stands out to you?
5. **Read Haggai 2:3-9 & Malachi 3:1.** What do these two prophecies point to (hint: see Mark 1:1-8 & John 2:13-22)? Why does Jesus refer to Himself as the temple? What does that mean for us?

Apply & Respond

6. How is this part of God's Story similar to what we face today as followers of Jesus?
7. What can we learn from the remnant of Ezra 3 about how we can live out our faith in between "the now and not yet" of the Kingdom?"
8. Which of the four ideas for how to live like the remnant most resonated with you? Why? How will you seek to apply it to your life *today*?
9. How can the group pray for you? Take time to pray for one another.