**Sermon Message Series:** Free to Build: Ezra and Nehemiah

**Sermon Passage:** Ezra 1:5-11; 2:1-2, 64-70.

- 1. It's now time for the exiles to return home. Where was home for God's people? As believers in Jesus, where is our home?
- 2. Christ has called us to live free. What does it look like to remain captive to our careers, hobbies, and our sin? How do we find freedom?
- 3. Read verse 5. What causes the people of God to return home and build? Does God still stir the hearts of His people? How?
- 4. Without God, the people of God could have never returned home and rebuilt the temple. Have there been events in your life when God's presence and His power were evident; events that could have never happened without God?
- 5. What is one thought or phrase from this passage of scripture that you will reflect on?

## **Moving Forward:**

Are you living free under the reign of Jesus? Or, are you living in captivity? Who can you reach out to this week for encouragement and support?