

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

### **Sermon Passage:** Ezra 7:8-10

1. It was apparent that the hand of God was on Ezra. How did the people around Ezra know that God's hand was upon him?
2. Ezra "set his heart." How do you prepare for important events in your life? How do we prepare, or set our hearts, for God's activity in our lives?
3. Ezra set his heart to 1) study the law, 2) do the law, and 3) teach the law.
  - a) What are some tips for studying scripture?
  - b) What are you studying? What are you seeking after?
  - c) God is creator. He knows what is best for us. Why would we choose not to "do" what He says?
  - d) Is God's word transforming you? How do you know?
  - e) Are you teaching God's word to others?

### **Moving Forward:**

#### *How's your heart?*

What are you passionate about? What is your heart captured by? What are your affections set on?

If your heart needs to be recaptured by Christ, how does that happen?