



# HILL COUNTRY

## BIBLE CHURCH

### God Is Working

Ezra 1-2

1. God is working

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2. God is working

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3. God is inviting us

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# MY APPLICATION

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

1. What was the best thing that happened in 2022? What was the most challenging?
2. Read Ezra 1:1-4. Do you think the Jews living in Babylon thought God was working on January 1 of the year that Cyrus' decree was issued? How do you think their view of God's working changed after the decree? Name some ways God is working in His world right now.
3. Read Ezra 1:5-11. What strikes you most about how God is working in these groups of people: the Jews, the Jews' neighbors, and Cyrus? How is God working in you? Are you accountable to that?
4. Read Ezra 2:1-11. Did you realize that God keeps lists of people who respond to his invitation to join His work? How does that encourage you to be on that list? How does that give you hope pressing into 2023?
5. Did you take some time since hearing the message to hear from God on what He is inviting you to do in this new year?

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## Memory Verse

“In the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the Lord spoken by Jeremiah, the Lord moved the heart of Cyrus king of Persia...”

**Ezra 1:1a**