



God Is Working: Ezra 1-2

Sermon Description

God is working in His world, in people, and He is inviting each of us to play our part. And as we see in Ezra 2:1-11, God keeps lists of people who respond to His invitation to join His work. How does that encourage you to be on that list?

Sermon Points: John 1:1-18

1. God is working in His world
2. God is working in people
3. God is inviting us to play our part

Group Opener: What was the best thing that happened for you in 2022? What was the most challenging?

Discussion Questions:

1. We often talk about the negative things going on in the world that the culture dictates as a focus. Name some specific ways in which God is working in our world. Do you see the hope in God as He works throughout the world?
2. 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 and how are you accountable to His working?
3. Is there a way you could update your "yes" or update your "no" to help move you into a new space to allow God to work in your life?
4. 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? How can you respond in 2023 to join God in His glorious work?
5. Pray for each other and the year ahead that God has for each of you and as a group.

Memory Verse:

Ezra 1:1a

