

Ezra 7:1-10 – Ezra Journeys to Jerusalem

Observations

- What? (6, 7)
- Where?
- When? (1, 7-9)
- How? (6, 9) 1) _____ element; 2) _____ element
- Who?
- Who was Ezra?
 - 1) Genealogy (1-5)
 - 2) From Babylon
 - 3) A scribe (*sawfar*)
 - 4) _____ in the law of Moses
 - 5) _____ to the law of the Lord

Interpretive Keys

- The _____ of the LORD God was upon him
- Ezra's relationship to the _____
 - 1) _____ his heart
 - 2) Study
 - 3) Practice
 - 4) _____ it in Israel
 - a) Statutes
 - b) Ordinances

Take Away

- Profile of a _____
 - 1) _____ to his flock
 - 2) _____ in the Word of God
 - 3) _____ from God
 - 4) A _____ man
 - 5) _____ on the Word of God
 - a) His _____
 - b) His teaching

Denying Self: Yielding Our Rights to God

Denying Self: A renunciation of oneself as the authority and focus of attention in one's life (Matthew 16:24; Mark 8:34; Luke 9:23).

What is a "right?" Something I am convinced I inherently _____

The Essence - _____ our own affairs _____ so that we are _____ to exercise God's priorities / concerns toward Him and others

The Example – Jesus Christ

Philippians 2:5-8

1. Gave up His *right* to eternal fellowship with _____ to accomplish the will of God on our behalf.
2. 1 Peter 3:18
3. Implication – seeing the _____
4. Imperative – Have _____ ...which was also in Christ

1 Peter 2:18-24

1. Willing to _____ for doing _____
2. What He didn't do:
3. What He *did* do: _____ Himself to Him who _____ righteously
4. The world:
God's word:

Application Questions

1. What are some *rights* that I normally claim...
 - In society? • In other relationships
 - In my place of employment? • In the church?
 - In my _____? • From _____?
2. What would it look like if I began to _____ those rights to God?