

Life Group Discussion Guide – January 27<sup>th</sup> 2019  
Partnering with: OTHERS – Ezra 3: Young & Older Generation

Welcome back to Life Groups in 2019! Take some time to get everyone’s name and what their favorite hobby is. Today’s discussion is meant to facilitate a conversation among your group that promotes edification and unity. There are portions of reading, followed by reflection questions and observations meant to challenge us to build the “full campfire” of community.

**Read Ezra 3:1-6 aloud in your group ....**

**Q?** What do you think it means that the Israelites were rebuilding the temple as “one man” or as other translations say “with unified purpose”?

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**Q?** In the sermon, it was said, “Peace is not the absence of conflict, it’s the presence of righteousness; Unity comes when we are righteous TOGETHER.” Explain in your own words...

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**Read Ezra 3:7-13 aloud in your group ....**

**Q?** What observations arise from verses 12-13?

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**Q?** Explain the difference of perspective between the older generation and younger generation when rebuilding the temple. Why were neither of them in the wrong?

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**2-part Q?** – 1. Why is it important to learn from other worldviews that aren’t similar to yours?  
2. What is a worldview that you have very little knowledge of, that you’d like to learn about?

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**Q?** Explain what “empathy” is, and why we need it to achieve authentic partnership with others.

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**Q?** Any other thoughts on Ezra 3 or questions to ask? Discuss...

**Close your group by praying and asking the Lord to give us eyes to see, ears to hear and hearts to receive ways that we can be more empathetic towards those around us.**