



## Trinity Bible Project Week 29

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God promised, and even named him, that He would raise up a ruler who would end the exile of His people! Cyrus decrees that Israel may return with his resources and begin to rebuild Jerusalem! God, after disciplining Israel, continues to provide for his people. While we look with longing of God rebuilding the character, community, and culture of His people we find that He continually beckons for us to do the work of rebuilding even today. The pandemic has seemed like an exile for many. The political culture has felt exile for many. The isolation of worldly culture seems like exile for many. Yet, God continues to call us out of this exile and into rebuilding our character through reading His Word - where He replaces our heart of stone with a heart of flesh (Ezek 36:22-38) inscribed with His new covenant (Jer 31:31-34) so that Christ lives in us (Gal 2:20-21). God continues to call us out of the isolation of exile as His Spirit reforms our character so that we look more and more like Jesus. Today, God is calling us all to return to Him and rebuild the community of Trinity with our characters fixed on Him so that we rebuild the culture that honors the Lord our God!

**Getting Started** (10 min/week): What are things that you can rebuild in giving your faith a priority in your life?

**Growing Deeper** (10 min/day): Watch the Ezra-Nehemiah video and consider how you might rebuild coming out of COVID (habits, relationships, health, etc.).  
<https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/ezra-nehemiah/>

**Leading Well** In your small group, discuss the following: What is God calling you to reform in your life and family? What is God inviting Trinity to reform as we walk faithfully through ministry? Consider who you might speak the Lord's invitation to return to the house of the Lord. Pray for the opportunity to speak His Word.

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