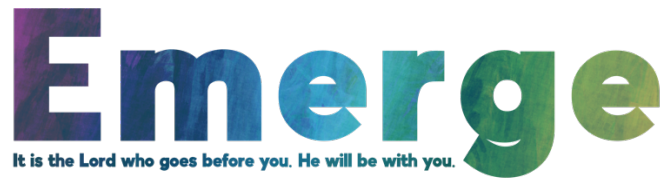


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## **"EMERGING FROM EXILE"**

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**TEXT:** Ezra-Nehemiah

**SERIES STATEMENT:** The World is Changing, May God's People Emerge with Purpose

### **4 FUNDAMENTALS TO EMERGE FROM EXILE**

#### **1) Confession of Sin (Ezra 9-10)**

Two Types of Confession

- a) Confession of sin is essential to salvation.
- b) Confession of sin is essential to restoration of relationship.

**TRUTH:** Guilt and shame suppress joy, and confession unleashes it.

#### **2) Priority of Worship (Ezra 6:14-22)**

Notice the order of rebuilding.

Notice the Celebrations of Worship.

**TRUTH:** Worship reminds us of the true source of joy.

#### **3) Everyone is needed to pitch in (Nehemiah 3-4).**

**INSIGHT:** The "secular" and the "sacred" merged together.

**INSIGHT:** All were asked to build and defend.

**TRUTH:** Joy multiplies when we have a stake in the mission.

#### **4) Everyone is needed to buy in (Nehemiah 8-10).**

**INSIGHT:** The people collectively bought into obeying the Word.

**TRUTH:** Accountability protects our Joy.

#### **ACTION POINTS:**

- 1) Ask the Father to reveal which fundamentals are present in your life and which ones are not.
- 2) Ask the Father to reveal to you a step you can take to be obedient to this message. Then take it!