

EZRA 6:13-22

SUNDAY 21st JUNE



BIBLE

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Ask God for help for yourself and the church as we read His word
Read Ezra 6:13-22

LISTEN

SERMON BY SPENCER

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REFLECTION

QUESTIONS AND NOTES

- Describe to one another the joy you had when you first became a Christian.
- 6:13-15 The temple is finished
 - In v14 the people continued to build and prosper under preaching
 - Compare that with Eph 4:11-16
 - In what ways might we separate those 3 elements of building the church, under the word and prospering?
 - Compare this dedication with the dedication of Solomon's temple in 1 Kings 8:62-66
 - The temple dedication in Ezra is much smaller. How does that lead us to look forward in the story?
 - Jesus as the true and better temple declared His work finished on the cross. Why does that bring us joy?
- 6:16-22 Come to the finished temple and find joy
 - What are the reasons that bring the people joy in these verses?
 - How do we find these now in Christ?
 - Why might we lose the joy we first had in these wonderful truths?

→ Summarise and Apply

- What in this passage leads us to worship Jesus?
- What do we learn about ourselves from this passage? How does it lead us to give thanks or repent?
- How might this help us share the good news with our friends and neighbours who don't know Jesus?

PRAYER

RESPOND TO GOD IN PRAISE AND PLEADING

Use this prayer from Psalm 16:5-10 to help you structure your prayers. Pray in response to the passage, for yourself, the church and others.

*Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup;
you make my lot secure.*

*The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
surely I have a delightful inheritance.*

*I will praise the Lord, who counsels me;
even at night my heart instructs me.*

I keep my eyes always on the Lord.

With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

*Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;
my body also will rest secure,*

*because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,
nor will you let your faithful one see decay*