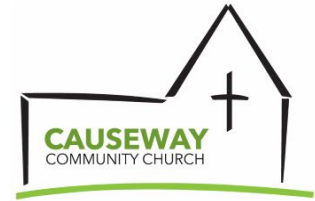


# EZRA 8

**SUNDAY 5th JULY 2020**



## BIBLE

### EZRA 8

Ask God for help for yourself and the church as we read His word  
Read Ezra 8

## LISTEN

### SERMON BY OWEN GOODSPEED

Follow the link in the email to listen to a sermon on this passage.

## REFLECTION

### QUESTIONS AND NOTES

- What situations can you recall which seem to be overwhelming and beyond your power to deal with?
  - What happened and how did you cope?
- As an individual or as a part of God's people can you think of any situations where God's gracious hand was upon you, and if so what lessons did you learn from this?
- From the passage we have looked at, what can we see as being Ezra's main concerns?
- What was Ezra powerless to do on his own?
- Going through the chapter, in what ways do we see God's hand at work?
- What fears might Ezra and the people have faced?
- How might they have been tempted?
- How might The Law of Moses, which the LORD, the God of Israel had given be of help to them?
- In what ways can the Word of God help us when we face difficulties or situations we are unable to handle?

- When and under what circumstances may we expect God's gracious hand to help us?
- When should we not expect God to be helping us?
- What is our greatest need for the journey of life?
- 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 Philipians 1:9-11 to help you structure your prayers. Pray in response to the passage, for yourself, the church and others.

*And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.*