

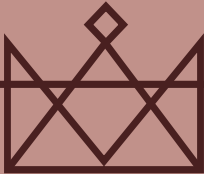


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MARCH 12, 2023



SUNDAYS 8:30am | 10:00am | 11:30am



JESUS
ON EVERY
PAGE

PURPOSE CHURCH

WELCOME TO PURPOSE CHURCH!

Are you new to Purpose Church? We are so glad you are here! We want to meet you, answer any questions you might have, and help you get connected. Come to the Connect Center located in the Lobby after the service to meet our friendly team!



WE INVITE YOU TO JUMP INTO JESUS ON EVERY PAGE THIS WEEK

Each week we are focusing on one of the 66 books of the Bible. Here is how you can actively engage this week:



SERMON

Ask the Holy Spirit to speak to you in three ways:

HEAD: Gaining insights and information to unlock deeper understanding of the Bible.

HEART: Helping you see how every book of the Bible points to Jesus so you can know Him more intimately, love Him more passionately, and walk with Him more faithfully.

HANDS: Applying His Living Word to every aspect of your daily life and relationships.

DAILY BIBLE READING

God wants to speak to your head, heart, and hands not just on Sundays, but each and every day. We have provided a Daily Reading Plan with selected passages for you to read each day. We encourage you to use the SOAP study method, a simple yet powerful tool, to help guide you into deeper understanding and life application of the Bible. Daily Bible Reading Plan booklets are available at purposechurch.com/bible to guide you through the whole year.

WEEKLY LIFE GROUP

WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER! You will get much more out of this study if you join a Life Group. You and your group members will bring what you learn from your daily reading and sermons to discuss and encourage one another to live out these truths. To join a group for any part of this study, go to purposechurch.com/groups or contact us at groups@purposechurch.com

PRAYER

We would love to pray with you! Please stop by the prayer room after the service and we can pray with you. Or submit a prayer request online. purposechurch.com/prayer

GIVING

Offering boxes are available in the lobby on Sundays. Or give online at purposechurch.com/give

EZRA: JESUS, THE PRIEST WHO IS GREATER THAN EZRA

March 12, 2023 / Pastor Glenn Gunderson

931 B.C. - As a result of King Solomon's failure to keep God's commands, Israel splits into the Northern Kingdom (10 tribes) and the Southern Kingdom (2 tribes and where Jerusalem was).

722 B.C. - Northern Kingdom fell to the Assyrians and they were taken into exile.

586 B.C. - Southern Kingdom fell to the Babylonians and they were carried into exile (2 Kings 24-25).

538 B.C. - Zerubbabel is the first to lead a large group of Israelites back to Jerusalem to rebuild the temple (Ezra 1-6).

458 B.C. - Almost 80 years later, Ezra arrives in Jerusalem to teach the Torah and rebuild the community (Ezra 7-10).

444 B.C. - Almost 14 years after Ezra returned to Jerusalem, Nehemiah arrives and leads the people to finish rebuilding Jerusalem's walls (Nehemiah 1-7).

Pastor Eric Holmstrom

EZRA

Ezra takes 40 minutes to read

EZRA FORESHADOWED JESUS:

1. He sought the Word of God and _____ it like Jesus.
2. He was a _____ like Christ who is our great High Priest.
3. Ezra was a great spiritual _____ who called Israel to repentance like Jesus.
4. Both Ezra and Jesus _____ over Jerusalem.

Stephanie Solberg

EIGHT PRACTICAL LESSONS FROM THE BOOK OF EZRA:

1. **God orchestrates even _____ for His purposes.**
Ezra 1:1-5
Proverbs 21:1
2. **Don't look down on something God is doing in your life because it is not as _____ as something He formerly did.**
Ezra 3:10-13
Haggai 2:3-5
Zechariah 4:8-10

3. _____ comes, when you get serious about God's purpose for your life.

Ezra 4:1-6, 24

4. God will help you _____ through this opposition.

Ezra 5:1-5

Ezra 6:1, 13-14

5. Study, obey and share God's _____.

Ezra 7:10

6. God is our ultimate _____ in life.

Ezra 8:21-23

7. What are the issues that make you _____?

"A man is about as big as the things that make him angry."

Winston Churchill

Ezra 9:1-4

Nehemiah 13:25-26

Mark 3:5

8. _____ restores our relationship with God.

Ezra 10:1

Fill in the blanks: obeyed, priest, reformer, wept, non-believers, impressive, Opposition, persevere, Word, protection, angry, Confession

JESUS ON EVERY PAGE READING PLAN

March 5-11

1 Chronicles

Jesus: Our Perfect Restorer

2 Chronicles

Jesus: Our True Worship

Week 10 - Day 1 1 Chronicles 28

Week 10 - Day 2 1 Chronicles 29

Week 10 - Day 3 2 Chronicles 17,
19:4-11

Week 10 - Day 4 2 Chronicles 21

Week 10 - Day 5 2 Chronicles 22:10-12,
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Week 10 - Day 6 2 Chronicles 24

Week 10 - Day 7 2 Chronicles 30

March 12-18

Ezra - Jesus: Our Hope for Return

Week 11 - Day 1 Ezra 1

Week 11 - Day 2 Ezra 3

Week 11 - Day 3 Ezra 4

Week 11 - Day 4 Ezra 6

Week 11 - Day 5 Ezra 7:1-10

Week 11 - Day 6 Ezra 8:15-36

Week 11 - Day 7 Ezra 10:1-17

