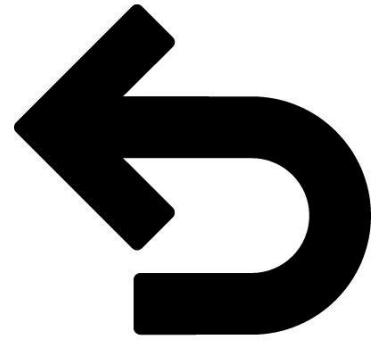




LISTEN UP!

Ezra 1-2 – Return



STEP 1 – Find the book of **Ezra** in your Bibles...

STEP 2 – Follow in the Bible and **listen up!**

Introduction...

How does this picture help us understand what the book of Ezra is all about?

God is in the business of taking B _____ things,
B _____ people, B _____ lives and making
them N ____!

God is committed to R _____



1) GOD ON THE MOVE FOR HIS _____

God's main aim in bringing his people home is to **restore** them to a life of...

In this chapter we see 3 characteristics of God on display – 'listen up' and finish off the simple definition for each...

The **FAITHFULNESS** of God: God always...

The **SOVEREIGNTY** of God: God is in...

The **GENEROSITY** of God: God is generous to...



Chat over lunch about how each of these truths about God encourages you...

Why is this **return** from exile sometimes called the 'Second Exodus'?

2) PEOPLE ON THE MOVE FOR THEIR _____

Did God only move the heart of Cyrus? Yes / No

How many people **returned** back to Jerusalem? 423 / 4,236 / 42,360

a) God's faithful few are committed to W _____

Why does the list of those who returned focus on those who work in the temple rather than those who build it??

The Church = The building  OR The people 

“The chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy him forever”

Chat about the quote above over lunch...

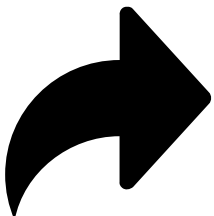
b) God's faithful few are committed to P _____

The law mattered to _____ and it should also matter to _____

STEP 3 – During / After the preach...



Have you got any questions about what you've heard? If so write them down...



What is God calling you to do? Write it down...



What do you need God's help with? Write it down...