



NEHEMIAH

Re: BUILD
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Re: FORM

Re: GROUP

Discussion Guide: Small Group Questions – RE: Restoring Israel (The Spiritual Reality)

Text: Zechariah 3; Nehemiah 12:1

1. Looking Back

- What stood out to you the most from this week's message about Joshua the High Priest and the spiritual realities behind Israel's restoration?
- Did anything surprise you or challenge your understanding of how spiritual battles affect visible events?

2. In the Word

- Read Zechariah 3:1–2. Who are the figures in this vision, and what roles do they represent?
 - How does this scene give us insight into what is happening “behind the scenes” in spiritual battles (cf. Job 1:6–12; Eph. 6:12)?
- Read Zechariah 3:3–5. What do the filthy garments represent? How does the Lord's action demonstrate the gospel message?
 - How does this passage connect to Romans 8:31–39 and the work of Christ for us?

3. Going Deeper

- What does it mean that Joshua (and Israel) was a “brand plucked from the fire”? Have you ever felt like that in your own life?
 - What does that metaphor teach us about God's grace and intervention?
- Why is it important that God purifies *before* He calls us to obedience? What does this say about how God relates to us in our sin?

4. Jesus in the Text

- Zechariah 3:8 refers to “my servant the Branch.” According to Isaiah 11:1–2 and Luke 4:16–21, how does Jesus fulfill this prophecy?
- Zechariah 3:9 speaks of iniquity being removed “in a single day.” How does this point to the cross? How does this truth impact how you see your own forgiveness?

5. Personal Reflection

- In what areas of your life do you feel spiritually accused, unworthy, or “dirty”?
 - What truths from this passage can you hold onto when facing guilt, shame, or spiritual attack?
- God gave Joshua clean garments and renewed purpose. How might God be calling you to walk in renewed purpose today?

6. Group Prayer Time

- Spend time praising God for His grace and forgiveness through Christ.
- Pray for each other—especially for anyone feeling spiritually attacked, condemned, or unworthy.
- Ask God to help your group live out the reality of being clothed in Christ’s righteousness and to walk in His ways.