

House On The Rock Life Group Study outline 2026

June: Higher Heights – Yours is the Glory

Outlines for the month

Week 1: Rebuilt by Grace✓

Week 2: Restored for Glory

Week 3: Raised for Purpose

Instructions

During this study, we will be doing a 'deep dive' into a scriptural passage. It is strongly encouraged that you study the passage and entire chapter ahead of the study. Also be prepared with your research tools, for example Google or your study Bible, as you will need to reference it during the study. Spend time answering and discussing each question with the intention to gain sufficient understanding to help your own private Bible study as you further explore these topics.

Study chapters: Ezra 1-10

Pilot text

[Ezra 3:10-13](#)

10 When the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the Lord, the priests stood in their apparel with trumpets, and the Levites, the sons of Asaph, with cymbals, to praise the Lord, according to the ordinance of David king of Israel. 11 And they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the Lord:

“For He is good,

For His mercy endures forever toward Israel.”

Then all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid.

12 But many of the priests and Levites and heads of the fathers' houses, old men who had seen the first temple, wept with a loud voice when the foundation of this temple was laid before their eyes. Yet many shouted aloud for joy, 13 so that the people could not discern the noise of the shout of joy from the noise of the weeping of the people, for the people shouted with a loud shout, and the sound was heard afar off.

Introduction:

This month's theme is Higher Heights: Yours is the Glory. Throughout Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther, we see God working through difficult circumstances, broken seasons, opposition, exile, limitation, and uncertainty to reveal His glory through His people. Again and again, God takes ordinary people beyond their present condition and raises them into greater purpose.

Ezra is a story of impossible restoration. A people once scattered, defeated, and exiled are suddenly being called back into purpose by the hand of God. What looked finished was not finished at all. God begins stirring hearts, opening doors, moving kings, and rebuilding what had been lost.

This is more than a rebuilding story. It is a revelation of God's glory breaking into broken places. The same God who restored Israel still restores lives today. He rebuilds faith where there has been disappointment, restores hope where there has been delay, and calls people beyond the limitations of their past. As we study Ezra, expect God to awaken fresh vision, renew confidence in His grace, and remind you that no season of ruin is beyond His power to restore.

Discussion questions

1. **Where do we see Christ?** The rebuilding of the temple points to Christ as the true temple and meeting place between God and humanity (John 2:19–21; Eph 2:19–22). How does else Jesus fulfil what the restored temple represented?
2. **Where do we see salvation?** The return from exile foreshadows salvation and restoration through Christ (Col 1:13–14; 1 Pet 2:9–10). How does do we see God's rescuing grace in Ezra's story?
3. **Where do we see ourselves?** Consider how this applies to where you are right now. Where might you need rebuilding – in areas of life that may feel broken, delayed or lost?

Closing thoughts:

Ezra reminds us that God's glory is often revealed through restoration. The people returned from exile carrying disappointment, loss, and uncertainty, yet God was already moving ahead of them. He stirred hearts, opened impossible doors, and began rebuilding what had once been destroyed. What looked like the end became the beginning of something greater. The rebuilding of the temple becomes a visible reminder that God had not abandoned His people. The temple ultimately foreshadows Jesus, through whom God dwells with humanity (John 2:19–21). What the physical temple represented finds fulfilment in Him. Through Christ, restoration becomes personal and permanent. God brings His people out of captivity and back into covenant relationship. This mirrors the salvation we receive through Christ, who delivers us from darkness into His kingdom (Col 1:13–14).

Many people know what it feels like to experience loss, disappointment, delay, or brokenness. Some are rebuilding after failure. Others are trying to rediscover purpose after difficult seasons. Ezra reminds us that God still restores. His grace is not limited by what was lost. The foundation of the new temple caused both tears and celebration, because some people were still focused on what used to be. Yet God was doing something fresh. His glory was not trapped in the past.

Higher heights often begin in rebuilding seasons. God takes what seems weak, unfinished, or overlooked and uses it to reveal His glory. As we trust His hand at work, we begin to rise beyond our circumstances into renewed hope, restored purpose, and greater testimony.

Application questions (use scriptures to support your position):

1. A believer experiences a major career setback and struggles with disappointment about lost opportunities. How does Ezra's story of rebuilding speak into this situation?
2. A sister at church compares her current season with better times in the past and feels discouraged. How does the rebuilding of the temple challenge this perspective?
3. A family is trying to rebuild trust and stability after a difficult season. What does this passage reveal about God's restoring grace?