

God's Hand, God's Word, Our Response

Ezra 7:9-10

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WEEKEND MESSAGE NOTES

If you want God's hand you can't neglect God's Word.

How can I develop a heart for God's Word?

- Read it
- Apply it
- Share it

3 Benefits of Scripture's Influence on Your Life:

1. You'll start growing. (1 Peter 2:2)
2. You'll mature. (Hebrews 5:11-14)
3. You'll become a more effective witness. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

TALK IT OVER

These questions are for further reflection and discussion with your small group, family, or with a friend.

Sharing Life

What stood out to you from this weekend's message on Ezra and the Bible?

Digging In

1. Have there been times when you have neglected the influence of God's Word in your life and sensed yourself "drifting" from God?
2. How have you personally benefited from God's Word?
3. We discovered that Ezra had God's hand upon him. Would you agree that having God's hand on you is a good definition of success? Do you believe that if someone were to regularly read and apply God's Word that they would likely grow in their relationship with God?
4. Ezra 7:9-10 indicates that having God's hand on you and being devoted to God's Word go hand-in-hand. Do you feel a devotion to God's Word?
5. Ezra reveals that devotion to God's Word means reading it and being changed by what we read. Knowledge without obedience leads to a big head instead of a burning heart. How can you encourage yourself to both read and be changed by God's Word?

Living It Out

Would you like to read the Bible more often than you are currently? If so, what is currently keeping you from God's Word? How could you take a step toward being more devoted to Scripture over the next few days?