

Bible Character series of readings – week 33

12th June 2016

Monday: Ezra 7:1-10. The scribe: Ezra diligently studied the scriptures with a view to putting them into practice in his own life and teaching others to obey them also. Remember – you cannot make God's truth real to others until it is real to you.

Tuesday: Ezra 8:1-20. The administrator: As Ezra prepares to return to Jerusalem he finds that there are no Levites. They were entrusted with many menial tasks and had possibly become comfortable in their new way of life. In what area of your life have you become too comfortable that needs to change?

Wednesday: Ezra 8:21-36. The example: Ezra's decision to pray and fast and to trust God rather than military might was a great step of faith and God answered their prayers. What are you trusting God for today? Know that the hand of God is upon you throughout your journey.

Thursday: Ezra 9:1-15. The intercessor: Although Ezra himself is not guilty of any offence, he identifies with the sin of his people and as he pours out his heart he finds that God is gracious, bringing joy rather than sorrow, relief rather than bondage, new life rather than ruins. Give God praise today for this is what Christ has done for us.

Friday: Nehemiah 8:1-18. The preacher: As Ezra read the word of God and began to explain it to them, it had a remarkable effect upon them. Today, allow the word of God to dwell in you richly, spending time meditating upon His word so that it may impact every aspect of your life.