

Strategies for the Journey

Ezra 8

3 Problems and 3 Solutions

Problem 1: INSUFFICIENT PERSONNEL

Solution 1: CONFIDENT DIRECTIVE

Problem 2: INADEQUATE PROTECTION

Solution 2: FERVENT PETITION

Problem 3: CARELESS DISORGANIZATION

Solution 3: FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP

Principles for the Journey

- 1) Pray FIRST and MOST.
- 2) LISTEN and MOVE.
- 3) WORSHIP through FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP.

Discussion Starters

- 1) Jeremy talked about how our prayer life reveals what we believe about God in practice. What does your prayer life reveal about what you believe about God in practice?
- 2) How are you challenged by the thought that God wants us to be active and decisive in our lives? He doesn't want us to sit back and wait for a sign or a fuzzy feeling, He wants us to listen to His Word and His Spirit as we take steps of faith in confidence. Is that empowering, challenging, and/or scary for you?
- 3) What are some of the things you tend to **NOT** pray for that you really think you/we should pray for more fervently, or maybe even fast?
- 4) Have you ever used a tool like Jeremy shared to help you pray? If so was it helpful? If not do you think it will be helpful?