

A REVIEW WITH A VIEW

**Ezra 1-10 Rev. Brian W. Secor & Rev. Chris Thurow
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A. HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A PART OF THE CHURCH?

B. WHAT ISSUES HAVE YOU HAD WITH THE CHURCH OVER THE YEARS AND WHY HAVE YOU REMAINED A FAITHFUL MEMBER OF THE CHURCH?

C. AS YOU CONSIDER THE LIST OF HEALTHY CHURCH CHARACTERISTICS THAT WE DISCUSSED, WHICH ONE DO YOU THINK IS THE MOST IMPORTANT AND WHY?

	TEXT	TITLE/THEME	SENTENCE SUMMARY
Chris	Acts 6:1-7	The Essential Structure (Essential Structure)	In the healthy church, responsibilities are clear, accountability is established, and reliability is expected.
Brian	Ezra 1	Empowering Leadership (Empowering Leadership)	Godly leaders set the tone for the healthy church by working with the people God sends to the church.
Brian	Ezra 2	Committed Support (Committed Support)	The healthy church needs people committed to support God's work in the world.
Chris	Ezra 3	Who Are We? (Future Orientation)	The healthy church is always moving forward, with a strong sense of identity.
Brian	Ezra 4-5	When Conflict Comes (Inevitable Conflict)	If we will be a healthy church, conflict will be inevitable and there are positive ways to handle such conflict.
Brian	Ezra 6:1-15	GOD REIGNS (Expectation of God's Sovereignty)	The church rests upon the absolute sovereignty of God.

Chris	Ezra 6:16-22	Dedicated to the Worship of God (Inspiring Worship)	The healthy church worships God in the way that is pleasing to Him.
Brian	Ezra 7	People Sent From God (Gift Oriented Ministry)	Every Christian has a Holy Spirit given gift to be used to further God's work in the church and in the world.
Brian	Ezra 8	A Leader You Can Trust (Trustworthy Leadership)	In the providence of God, he brings forth leaders who can be trusted to lead his people.
Chris	Ezra 9	(Passionate Spirituality)	The healthy church is committed to the work of prayer.
Brian	Ezra 10	What Kind of Love Is This? (Loving Relationships)	Loving relationships are central to a healthy church. Love means we do good to one another.

D. AS YOU THINK ABOUT THE ROLE OF THE CHURCH IN YOUR LIFE, WHAT THREE THINGS DOES IT OFFER OR HAS OFFERED TO YOU THAT HAS KEPT YOU HOPEFUL ABOUT THE CHURCH AND MINISTRY?

E. AS YOU THINK ABOUT THE CHURCH TODAY, WHAT THREE THINGS CAUSE YOU THE MOST CONCERN?

F. WHAT DID YOU LEARN OR WHAT SURPRISED YOU ABOUT THE BOOK OF EZRA AS YOU PREPARED FOR THESE SERMONS?

G. CONGREGATIONAL QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS