

Ezra 2:1-35 ⇒ Leadership of the Nation

Observations

1. The people who returned to Palestine (vv. 1-2)
 - Eleven men listed - _____
2. The men of Israel - _____ in all (vv. 2-35)
 - “The sons of...” (30 men listed)
 - “The men of...”

Lessons

1. A journey of _____
 - Most of the returnees were _____ generation
 - They were going to do a _____ thing
 - Something was _____ to them

Application – Are we able to _____?

- Are we _____ to do it?
- Why *should* they _____ and do the difficult thing?

2. A journal of _____

- A difficult task
- Why? To help Israelites find their _____
- The “sons of Parosh”

Application – Do I have that sense of _____?

- The responsibility and privilege of being an _____
- Hebrews 11:2, 32^{ff} → 12:1-2

Abiding in Christ’s Word: *How’s Your Hearing?*

John 8:43-45 – Jesus’ Word

- You do not _____ because you cannot _____ My word.
 1. Because it was _____
2 Cor. 4:4
 2. Because they were not _____
John 16:13 – the _____ instructs us in the _____
1 Cor. 2:14 – the _____ man does not have the _____

John 8:32 – *The one who _____ in Christ’s word*

- Shall _____ the truth
- That truth shall make you _____
 1. Unbeliever: can be free from bondage to _____ and _____
 2. Believer: free to _____ the truth; and to _____ the truth
- A new _____ toward the word of God
Application point: one of the tests of genuine faith
 1. Honesty and humility versus...
 2. Sit **under** the teaching versus...
 3. Desire to know **to obey** versus...
 4. No _____ / No _____ / No _____
- Unbelievers and believers can have a hard time _____ the Word

What does it mean to be _____ to the word of God?

Personal Application