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ALWAYS LEARNING...EZRA/NEHEMIAH

Lesson 4: Ezra 7-8

ICE BREAKER: Do you have any pets? Tell us about your cute furry friends. (Send us a picture of your pet for extra points – txt your picture to 803-636-7263 and we'll show them in class)

ALWAYS LEARNING BY...

I. Seeking God first.

A. Read Romans 8:31-39 aloud. Really think about what these verses are saying. We are more than conquerors through Him who loves us!

II. Studying His Word

(Who, What, Where, When, Why and How)

A. King Artaxerxes is now the king of Persia and we meet Ezra in Chapter 7. He is a relative of Aaron, the chief priest. What do we learn about Ezra?

B. What does the letter say that King Artaxerxes gives to Ezra? A lot is said...just write it concisely ☺.

Ex: *people of Israel may freely go to Jerusalem with Ezra.

*Ezra is to make inquiries along with the 7 counselors about Judah and Jerusalem.

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C. In Chapter 8 what happened when Ezra sent for the Levites?

D. What were the priest responsibilities?

III. Searching Resources

A. Ezra 8:21-23 talks about a time when the people fasted and prayed in regards to trusting the Lord for protection. Think of some other times mentioned in the Bible when someone or a people trusted in the Lord for protection.

IV. Sharing with one another (Believers)

A. One way for us to easily be involved in serving the Lord is by praying for missionaries who are serving all over the world. Keep an active prayer list handy and bring them before the Lord often.

V. Serving the Lord (Reaching the Unbelievers)

A. The next time that you receive a prayer letter from a missionary or hear of a prayer request then share it with one of your friends that is not a believer and explain to them why you pray for them.