

# RL GROUPS

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## Ezra 3

**10** When the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the Lord, the priests in their vestments and with trumpets, and the Levites (the sons of Asaph) with cymbals, took their places to praise the Lord, as prescribed by David king of Israel. **11** With praise and thanksgiving they sang to the Lord: “He is good; his love toward Israel endures forever.” And all the people gave a great shout of praise to the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid. **12** But many of the older priests and Levites and family heads, who had seen the former temple, wept aloud when they saw the foundation of this temple being laid, while many others shouted for joy. **13** No one could distinguish the sound of the shouts of joy from the sound of weeping, because the people made so much noise. And the sound was heard far away.



## Questions for Discussion

1. Read Ezra 3.
2. What might it have felt like to rebuild a formerly beloved Temple that had been torn down by invaders?
3. What experiences in the modern day might this be like?
4. Why is it important that worship be first and central in our lives?
5. The Hebrews built an altar first when they rebuilt Jerusalem. How do we make worship first in our lives? in our school? in our work? in our family?
6. Why might different generations experience worship differently?
7. What unites different generations in the Christian community?

Take time to pray for for one another.