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Ezra 7

6 ...this Ezra came up from Babylon. He was a teacher well versed in the Law of Moses, which the Lord, the God of Israel, had given. The king had granted him everything he asked, for the hand of the Lord his God was on him. **7** Some of the Israelites, including priests, Levites, musicians, gatekeepers and temple servants, also came up to Jerusalem in the seventh year of King Artaxerxes. **8** Ezra arrived in Jerusalem in the fifth month of the seventh year of the king. **9** He had begun his journey from Babylon on the first day of the first month, and he arrived in Jerusalem on the first day of the fifth month, for the gracious hand of his God was on him. **10** For Ezra had devoted himself to the study and observance of the Law of the Lord, and to teaching its decrees and laws in Israel.



Questions for Discussion

1. Read Ezra 7.
2. What are some qualities we see in Ezra?
3. Why does God's hand rest on Ezra?
4. What does it mean to have God's favor?
5. Why might God's favor rest on us at certain times?
6. What purposes does God have for material blessings in our lives?
7. Read Luke 12:16-21. What does this parable teach us about Jesus' view of the pursuit of material wealth?
8. In what ways can we best use the resources God gives us to spread God's kingdom?

Take time to pray for for one another.