

Ezra 5-6 Discussion Questions

§1 The work in the temple had stopped because of opposition. How did God get the people building again?

§2 In the parable of the soils Jesus warns that God's word can be choked by life's worries, riches and pleasures so that we do not mature. Think about what is happening in the world and in our own lives;

- What are some of the things that can choke God's word in our lives?
- Are there specific things that are currently choking God's word in your life?

§3 "The eye of their God was watching over the elders of the Jews, and they were not stopped..." (5:5) How do we see God's providential rule over all things in Ezra 5-6?

§4 God is ruling over all things to build his kingdom.

- Does this mean everything will be plain-sailing for his people?
- If not, what should we expect? What is God's end goal for us?
- How is this an encouragement to us?

