



Sermon Discussion Guide¹

Ezra 7 | Kevin DeYoung

“A Scribe to the Lord”
Sunday Morning, October 5th, 2025

Big Idea: Ezra had much to offer: a priestly lineage, intelligence, and even a heart for the LORD. Ultimately, however, his success was due to the God’s hand upon him.

1. Of all the popular “heroes” out there (cinematic, sports, or otherwise) which one do you consider to be the greatest?
2. “The hero in this book is a scribe.” What makes up the difference between a heroic scribe (Ezra) and a sinister one (most scribes and Pharisees)?
3. “There is more than one way to be manly. There is more than one way to be brave.”²
 - a. Can you think of a time that you observed great bravery?
 - b. Can you think of an example of a more humble or unnoticed bravery that you noticed in somebody?
4. Read *Ezra* 7:10 and 8:8. Can you think back to a pastor in your life that helped you understand God’s Word?
5. Read verses 27-28. How is Ezra “interpreting his life theologically?” How is the Lord leading you to do the same in this season of life?
6. Kevin closed by saying that we are “people of the book. People of the word. Not just to study this word and obey this word and teach this word, but to worship the Word made flesh.” Are you currently studying a book of the Bible? Would you share how it has led you to worship?

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Outline:

1. Ezra’s history
2. Ezra’s head
3. Ezra’s heart
4. God’s hand

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Feel free to pivot to next Sunday’s sermon. Read next text aloud as a group, pointing out observations and connections.

² While bravery is not merely a man’s virtue (e.g. *Prov* 31:21) we rightly associate the good man as one who often needs to take up courage and be brave. All Christians (men *and* women) are called to grow in *all* Christian virtue. Yet certain virtues show themselves more accentuated in either women or men based on God’s good design.