

# Return: Worship and Trouble – Ezra 3-4

**Small Group Companion**

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3:3 (NRSV) They set up the altar on its foundation, because they were in dread of the neighboring peoples...

1. What do you tend to do when you are frightened?
2. How might you move towards worship as a first reaction to fear?
3. Culturally, how should we be responding to our “neighbours”?

In the face of opposition ...

**W**e gather...  
4. How does gathering together help us face opposition as we move forward?

**W**e focus on God...  
5. Do you find it easy to focus on God in the Sunday gathering? Why/Why not?  
6. What can you do to grow your ability to focus on God?

**W**e remember...  
7. What was the last “mighty work” we saw God accomplish in First Alliance Church?  
8. How did we celebrate?

**W**e respond...  
9. Identify the last time you responded to the following:  
a. God’s worth (His Character)  
b. God’s word (the scriptures)  
c. God’s works (what He has done, what He is doing, what He has promised to do).