



Group Discussion & Application

1. What are some of the internal/attitudinal/heart issues that hinder our service for the Savior?
2. For each of the internal obstacles listed above, cite one or more Scriptures that address the issue.
3. How does the Word of God remove internal obstacles?
4. List some practical actions we can take to enhance the ministry of the Word in our lives.
5. List as many external obstacles as you can that have the potential to hinder our service for God.
6. Give some Biblical examples of some of these external obstacles. How did God deal with each of these cases?
7. What external obstacles (#5) have you experienced or witnessed personally? How did God deal with each of these?
8. Why does God sometimes not remove the external obstacles we face?
9. How can we become more aware of God's working in us? Around us?



Personal Reflection & Response

1. What obstacles are you facing in your Christian walk and ministry at the present time? Are these internal or external?
2. Memorize Scripture verses that address each of these.
3. What personal action will you take to confront these obstacles?
4. What work has God done in your life? Our church's life? How will you celebrate these?



Family Homework

1. List some of the works God does in, thru, and around us?
2. What are some ways we can celebrate God's working?



God's Working Ezra 5:1-6:22

The completion of the temple demonstrates the completeness of God's working and the resulting response of celebrating God's working.

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The Completeness of God's Working

- A. God's work among His people
The internal obstacle:

God's means of removal:

- B. God's work among mankind
The external obstacle:

God's means of removal:

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The Celebration of God's Working

- A. The celebration of Dedication

- B. The celebration of Passover