

# EZRA

## *Covenant Renewal*

### Recommitment to Holiness, Part 1

**INTRO:** *As the book of Ezra comes to a close, the people are confronted with a compromise to their holiness. This needed to be resolved, and fast!*

**I. God calls His people to \_\_\_\_\_.** *Holiness is separation from sin. Both OT Israel (Leviticus 11:45) and the NT Church (1 Peter 1:15-16) received the same command.*

**II. Holiness is \_\_\_\_\_ when God's people are unequally \_\_\_\_\_ with the \_\_\_\_\_ (9:1-2).**  
*The issue in Ezra 9 was NOT a racial issue nor was it a marital issue; it was a holiness issue.*

**III. When confronted by God's \_\_\_\_\_ with the sin of compromise, recommit to \_\_\_\_\_ (9:3-15).**  
*The steps of recommitment will be revealed over the course of two studies. We will address **the important first step** today.*

**A.** \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Representing the nation of Israel, Ezra demonstrated contrition, recognized the egregious nature of sin, glorified God's patience and grace and acknowledged guilt before God.*

**B.** \_\_\_\_\_ (Next Week).

**C.** \_\_\_\_\_ (Next Week).