

GIVE AND GO

Feb 7, 2016 • Pastor Gregg Matte • Ezra 1:3–11 (p. 302 in HCSB provided)

Ezra is about:

- Returning and rebuilding
- The hand of God

▶ **God's plans include our** _____. *Deuteronomy 14:2; Proverbs 3:9; Matthew 7:11*

▶ **Differencemakers** _____ **and** _____. *Luke 16:13–15; I Corinthians 13:3; Galatians 6:9*

▶ **Many go but** _____ . *Matthew 6:21; Luke 6:38, 16:10*

Abraham, Isaac & Jacob	David & Solomon	Isaiah	Jeremiah	Babylonian Exile	Interbiblical Period Shhhh...	
2000 B.C.	1000 B.C.	700 B.C.	600 B.C.	500s B.C.	400 B.C.	0

Dates important to Ezra: 586 B.C. – Temple Destroyed
 538 B.C. – Edict of Cyrus
 516 B.C. – Temple Rebuilt

BE A DIFFERENCEMAKER

February's famous holiday is Valentine's Day—a thrilling day for some, and a sad or bittersweet day for others. Let the Lord use you to make a difference by removing someone's aloneness. Connect with a neighbor who is elderly, widowed, a single parent, etc.—someone who may need to know they are thought of. This is not dating advice—it's letting the Gospel move you into the lives of others!

Share your stories at HoustonsFirst.org/MyStory and on social media with **#diffmakers**.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Visit HoustonsFirst.org/Volunteer for details about the following opportunities and nearly 100 other ways you can serve His Kingdom.

WOMEN'S MENTORS

Women's Ministry

Carolyn.Oneal@HoustonsFirst.org

MIDLINK MEAL TEAM

Culinary Services

Lori.Smith@HoustonsFirst.org

CANHOPE CANCER SUPPORT TEAM

Pastoral Care

Sherry.Oradat@HoustonsFirst.org

MENTOR COUPLES

College Community

Derek.Nease@HoustonsFirst.org

FOOD PANTRY/CLOTHES CLOSET TEAM

Faith Center

Claudia.Reyes@HoustonsFirst.org

THRU THE ROOF TEAM

First Kids

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ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES

During worship services at The Loop Campus, complimentary devices may be checked out from the Receptionist Desk in the Main Foyer.



MOBILE GIVING

Share your generosity with Houston's First via your mobile device! Text "HFBCLoop" to 77977 to receive a link where you can make a one-time donation or establish recurring giving. Donations

can be made to the following:

- Great Commission Budget
- Local Missions
- Benevolence
- Unstoppable Gospel: The Offering (also known as the World Mission Offering)

DECISIONS JAN 31, 2016

Baptized

Jen Evans
David Guarino
Sonia Jose
Sunil Jose

Mackenzie Stevenson
Dylan Thomas
Frank Thomas

For Baptism

Krysta Bowers
Reynolds Delgado
Samuel Huerta
Sadie Knips
Ana Palmeros

McGowin Patrick
Mimi Patrick
Cameron Wendt
Kristin Wilkerson

From Other Fellowship

Jonathan Ayers
David Bacchus
Luisa Bowers
Amanda Caldwell

Dayna Delgado
Elizabeth Murdoch
Lindsey Wendt
Marianne Xu

Statement

Cassandra Boyer
Ryan Boyer

Matt Bruns
Towa Shinagawa

SYMPATHIES

- Gerry Maddox in the loss of her niece, Becky Richardson.

ATTENDANCE JAN 31, 2016

Life Bible Study	5,445
Mission Bible Study	121
MidLink (The Loop)	1,523
Weekday Milestones	220
Total Bible Study	7,309

Generosity AT HOUSTON'S FIRST

Week ending Jan 31, 2016

First-time givers	59
Total number of givers	1,193
Great Commission Giving total	\$491,953

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