

VII. Application exercise: Ezra 7:10

A. Outline of the book of Ezra:

1. Chapters 1-6, chapters _____.
2. Between chapters 6 and 7, there's a 58-year time gap.
What happened? There were battles, and God was preparing a man called _____.
3. He was key because, in chapters 1-6, we have the building of the _____; but in chapters 7-11 was the rebuilding of the _____.

B. What does it mean to prepare your heart? There are three main verbs:

1. **See the _____: study the Scriptures.** You can't _____ what you don't have. Ezra paid the _____, he read the Scriptures.

. **Do the law: _____.** We need to _____ the Scriptures, not just _____ it.

3. **Teach the _____: passion.** If you know the Word of God you want to share it with other so they too may _____ it.

Teaching isn't just to _____. information but also for
_____.

C. Where do we go from here?

1. Make a decision to establish a _____ Bible study. It's a
_____ because your objectives determine your outcome.
Start small, _____ minutes.
2. Make a personal plan. _____ minutes in Bible study and
_____ minutes in prayer. Better to start _____. Your
_____ does not depend on it, but your sanctification
does.
3. Form a Bible study group. Find brothers or sisters that will
be willing to keep each other accountable.
 - Evaluate the process: What are the _____? What are the
weaknesses? What are the _____ we need to make?