

Return, Rebuild, Restore
Study Guide
Zechariah 3

1. Read Zechariah 3:1-4. In the heavenly courtroom scene we see Satan trying to disrupt God's work. How does it make you feel knowing there is a spiritual battle going on right now? What do you learn about God's character from the battle? (For our response read: Ephesian 6:10-18)
2. The filthy priest Joshua, while a real person, also symbolizes the filth of Israel as a people. The Bible uses harsh and shame-filled language to describe Joshua's state. How do we tend to portray our sin today? Is it biblical? (v. 3)
3. Maybe 1 or 2 members could share their spiritual makeover story (v. 4-5). How does a person's view of their own sin impact their reaction to the "makeover" that God provides through Jesus Christ?
4. Jesus is the Branch who removes the sin of the world in a single day (v. 8-9). Because of Jesus's death and resurrection we can be clothed in His righteousness. We are on the winning end of an unusual exchange. Jesus receives the penalty for our corrupt sin nature and we receive his perfect record of obedience.
 - According to Zechariah, how then should we respond? (v. 10).
 - How confident are you in sharing how good it is to belong to Christ?
 - How can we create gospel-centered spaces this summer to invite people to? What are some ideas?

Pray for God to give us the courage and intentionality to invite our neighbors "to sit under your vine and fig tree."

Message Slides

1. Title Slide
2. Philly Art Museum #1 pic

3. Philly Art Museum #2 pic

4. Philly Art Museum #3 pic

5. Theme of Zechariah

Return to me and I will return to you.

6. Big Idea

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7. Satan is trying to disrupt God's work

Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right side to accuse him. The Lord said to Satan, "The Lord rebuke you, Satan! The Lord, who has chosen Jerusalem, rebuke you! Is not this man a burning stick snatched from the fire? Zechariah 3:1-3

8. Filthy Priest

Now Joshua was dressed in filthy clothes as he stood before the angel. Zechariah 3:3

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"Put a clean turban on his head." So they put a clean turban on his head and clothed him, while the angel of the Lord stood by. Zechariah 3:4-5

12. Get Back to Work!

The angel of the Lord gave this charge to Joshua: "This is what the Lord Almighty says: 'If you will walk in obedience to me and keep my requirements, then you will govern my house and have charge of my courts, and I will give you a place among these standing here. Zechariah 3:6-7

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14. “Listen, High Priest Joshua, you and your associates seated before you, who are men symbolic of things to come: **I am going to bring my servant, the Branch.** See, the stone I have set in front of Joshua! There are seven eyes on that one stone, and I will engrave an inscription on it,’ says the Lord Almighty, ‘and **I will remove the sin of this land in a single day.** Zechariah 3:8-9

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Sin is a bigger problem than the priests can handle.

17. Augustus Montague Toplady pic.

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“Rock of Ages.”
*Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress,
Helpless, look to Thee for grace:
Wretched, to the fount I fly,
Wash me, Savior, or I die.*

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20. “‘In that day each of you will invite your neighbor to sit under your vine and fig tree,’ declares the Lord Almighty.” Zechariah 3:10