**DO NOT DESPISE SMALL BEGINNINGS**

Zechariah 4:1-14

Key Verse 4:10 “Do not despise these small beginnings, for the LORD rejoices to see the work begin, to see the plumb line in Zerubbabel's hand." (The seven lamps represent the eyes of the LORD that search all around the world.)” (NLT)

1. Read Ezra 1:2-4 and 3:7-13. How did the Israelites start the rebuilding of the temple?

2. Read Ezra 3:12. Why did the older priests weep when the foundation of the temple was laid?

3. Read Ezra 4:1-4, 24. How did the enemies of God stop building of the temple?

4. Read Ezra 5:1-2, 6:13-15, and Haggai 1:1-14. How did Haggai and Zechariah help people resume building the temple?

5. How did God’s word convince Zerubbabel that the temple would surely be completed? (6-9)

6. Why should we not despise the day of small things? (10a; cf. Haggai 2:3,9)

7. Think about how God has used and rejoiced in small beginnings? (cf. Isaiah 11:1) How does this give us hope for the future?